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McKEAN COUNTY FAIR AND RACES ARE SURE THING

The $7,000 Pledged Put It on Sound Financial Basis.

SEPTEMBER 24, 25, 26 AND 27

The 1912 Fair Will Be the Biggest and Best Ever—Everybody Is Taking Hold and Booming McKean County's Big Fair and Races—Premium List Will Soon Be Out.

The Eighth Annual McKean County Fair & Races which is to be held at Smethport on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, September 24, 25, 26 and 27th, will be the greatest ever held in this county without a doubt.

Always heretofore the McKean County Fair Association has been handicapped by lack of funds to carry on the fair as it should be, but now this trouble has been overcome. The necessary $7,000 to put it on its feet has all been subscribed with the exception of less than $300 and that is sure to be raised before Saturday. Therefore the President and Directors have started to work making preparations for the biggest fair ever held in the county which will be held on the above dates.

Secretary H. J. Rice has opened headquarters in the Grange National Bank building here and is making preliminary arrangements for a fast campaign from now until the day the fair opens. Correspondence is being opened with the best attractions to be had on such occasions with the determination to give the patrons of this fair nothing but the best in every branch of this big institution.

Work will be soon commenced on the buildings and grounds, putting them in the best of shape and several new buildings are promised. By the time the fair is opened everything in and about the grounds will be in the best of shape for the pleasure and convenience of the public.

The printing of the premium list for the fair has been awarded and the fair managers expect to have them in the hands of the public not later than September first.

There is only one regrettable thing about the fair and that is that circumstances forced the managers to wait until such a late date to get started, but by push and energy on the part of everybody interested this trouble can be remedied and we will have the biggest and best fair ever held in this section of the state

Get busy—everybody lend a helping hand.

A PECULIAR EXPLOSION.

Charles H. Curtiss Injured on Rew Hill Last Thursday.

Charles H. Curtiss, who has charge of the State Highway improvements in this vicinity, met with a peculiar accident last Thursday morning on Rew Hill, in which his face and hands were quite badly burned.

There were several gas lines running across the Rew hill road which were so high that they were a nuisance and Mr. Curtiss gave the owners notice to remove or lower them at once. No attention was paid to this notice by the owners and on Thursday Mr. Curtiss started tearing them out so that he could go on with the necessary road improvements. One of the gas lines had been broken in two and Mr. Curtiss was working near this point digging out some stones. His pick struck a stone from which flew a spark sufficient to ignite the escaping gas. An explosion followed which burned him as above described.

He came to Smethport and had his burns dressed and at the present time his face and left hand is nearly healed, but his right hand is still pretty sore.

WILLIAMS GROVE PICNIC.

Reduced Rates via Pennsylvania Railroad.

For the Grangers' picnic, Williams Grove, Pa., August 26 to 31, the Pennsylvania Railroad will sell excursion tickets to Williams Grove from stations in Pennsylvania and from Baltimore, Elmira, Frederick and intermediate stations on the Northern Central Railway, August 20 to 30, inclusive, good for return passage to reach original starting point not later than September 3, at reduced rates.

THE TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

The Smethport Players Won on Monday and Tuesday.

The seventh annual tournament of the Lawn Tennis Association of Northwestern Pennsylvania was opened at Oil City, Monday morning with a large attendance. Smethport is represented by S. F. Redfield, T. R. Lyle, Howard and William Brownell. Up to Tuesday night they had won in all the contests they entered, but we have not heard the results of yesterday.

The contests in which our players participated are as follows:

Monday—Singles—Lyle of Smethport, defeated Armstrong of Lock Haven, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2. Brownell of Smethport defeated Barnetti of Franklin 6-4, 4-6, 6-0. Doubles—Brownell and Brownell of Smethport defeated Darr and Carlson of Meadville, 6-3, 6-1. Lyle and Redfield of Smethport defeated Parker and Stewart of Oil City, 6-2, 6-1.

Tuesday—Lyle of Smethport defeated Crary of Warren, 6-3, 6-2. Brownell of Smethport defeated Wallace of Rockwood, 6-4, 6-1.

Monday evening a banquet and election of officers were held, and the following are the officers for the ensuing year: President, George Yardley, Oil City; vice-president, M. H. Dewey, Meadville; secretary-treasurer, W. J. Uber, New Castle; directors, C. O. Meyer, Erie, and Scott F. Redfield, Smethport.

Tuesday evening a very select dancing party was held in the theatre, in Monarch Park, which was attended by 125 couples. A course dinner was served in connection with the dance.

CREIGHTON-GREER NUPTIALS.

Popular Young Couple Were Married Here This Morning.

In the parlors of his parochial residence, Rev. J. F. Dugan, pastor of St. Elizabeth's church, at 9 o'clock this morning, August 15, 1912, united in the holy bonds of matrimony Miss Sarah Greer of this borough, and Mr. Frank Creighton of Ridgway.

The wedding was a quiet one and was only witnessed by a few of the immediate friends of the bride and groom. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Creighton, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Hungiville, left in Charles McKean's automobile for Port Allegany where they will take the Pennsylvania flyer for Philadelphia and Atlantic City where they will spend their honeymoon, after which they will reside in Ridgway.

The bride is one of Smethport's most handsome, charming and accomplished young ladies, and has been a teacher in the Smethport schools for the past two or three years. The groom is assistant cashier in the First National bank of Ridgway. Both have a large circle of friends here and in Ridgway who wish them a long and happy married life.

I. O. O. F. BAND CONCERT.

Pleasing Music Will Be Rendered on Court House Lawn This Evening.

The concert to be given by the I. O. O. F. band and the male quartet should be heard by everybody. The Path of Honor, march.....Jewell
Midnight Flyer, march).....Hager
Bohemian Girl (by request)...Bufave
'Doan Yo Cry Ma Honey (quartet)
.....Knowl
Another Rag, march .....Morse
Take a Little Tip From Father
.....Berlin & Snyder
Poet & Peasant, overture .....Suppe
King Sol, march .....Glogan
"As Deep As the Deep Blue Sea,"
quartet
You Can't Expect Kisses From Me.
.....Lewis & Monaco
Citribiribin concert waltz
Under the Double Eagle, march
.....Wagner
Star Spangled Banner.

HORSES FOR SALE.

At Palmer's Livery, 8 general purpose Horses. 1 1200 black worker. 1 800 branded mare. All good age and ready to do business, and prices are right. A. T. PALMER,
Aug. 15—3t Smethport, Pa.

OFFICE CLOSED.

My office will be closed from Friday, Aug. 16, till Wednesday, Aug. 21.
DR. J. V. McALPIN.

WANTED.

All kinds of Poultry at the highest Market Price.
H. J. ELLSWORTH.

JOHN R. ZOOK DEAD.

Recent Fall From a Traction Car Caused His Death.

John R. Zook, aged 81 years, died at the Bradford hospital last evening at 9:10 o'clock as the result of injuries which he sustained in falling from an East Main street trolley car on Tuesday afternoon of this week.

Mr. Zook was in the rear vestibule and when the moving car rounded the curve near the American House, he lost his balance and fell backward, helplessly, to the pavement. At first he was not considered seriously injured, although he was suffering from the severe shock when he was taken to the hospital. His recovery was expected until yesterday morning when the attending physician found that the patient had developed dangerous symptoms and relatives were notified. The aged man continued to fail rapidly during the day and expired at the hour named. Concussion of the brain was the principal cause of death.

The remains were taken in charge by Undertaker Koch and will be removed to the late residence, No. 64 South avenue, to-day. The funeral arrangements will be announced later.

John R. Zook was born at Williamsville, N. Y., a suburb of Buffalo, May 21, 1831. He received his education at that place and at Buffalo. About 39 years ago he came to Bradford and opened a wall paper and house furnishing store on Main street. He followed the wall paper and decorating business during his entire time of his residence in Bradford.

Old age did not interfere with his energies. He was very alert and no person would imagine, to observe his movements, that he was an octogenarian. He was in all regards a model citizen, upright, conscientious and fair-dealing. His friends were numerous. Mr. Zook was a member of the First Methodist church.

Besides his widow, he leaves one son, Frank Zook, of Bradford; and four daughters: Miss Evelyn S Zook, of New York city; Miss Clara B. Zook of Bradford; Mrs. William O'Reilly of Smethport, and Mrs. Lee Robbins, of this city. Two grandchildren are Dorothy and Francis Robbins, of Bradford.

Mr. Zook was the surviving member of a family of nine. Seven brothers and two sisters preceded him to the grave.—Friday's Bradford Era.

DEATH OF EUGENE HUSSEY.

Well-Known Keating Township Resident Passed Away Yesterday.

Eugene Hussey, a well-known farmer who resided in Irish Hollow, Keating township, died at his home yesterday afternoon. He was aged about 64 years, and his death was due to pneumonia which had confined him to his bed for the past week.

Eugene Hussey was born in Irish Hollow and has always resided in this immediate vicinity. He conducted a meat market in this place for some time which he afterwards sold to George H. Denning. Most of his life was devoted to farming and lumbering, and he has many friends in this section who will deeply regret his demise.

He leaves a wife and one sister, Mrs. D. M. Dunsmore, of Reynoldsville, who will deeply mourn the death of a kind and loving husband and brother.

The funeral services will be held to-morrow morning from St. Elizabeth's church, and his remains will be laid at rest in St. Elizabeth's cemetery.

A. JUDSON OVIATT.

Died in Portland, N. Y., on July 30, Aged 68 Years.

A. Judson Oviatt died at his home in Portland, N. Y., on July 30th, 1912, heart disease being the cause of death.

Mr. Oviatt was born in Farmington, Pa., July 12, 1844, and therefore was 68 years of age. He was a half-brother of the late William S. and J. Beaman Oviatt, of this place. He is survived by one son, Fred Oviatt, of Niobe, N. Y., and four daughters, Mrs. Bertha Holcomb and the Misses Fern, Rhea and Rhetta Oviatt, all of Portland, N. Y.

MOTOR CARS FOR SALE.

One 1-cylinder Cadilac in good running condition, price $65.00.

One two or four-passenger steamer in fine condition, price $150.

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HAYTI PALACE DYNAMITED.

President Leconte and Many Others Were Killed.

Port Au Prince, Hayti, Aug. 8.—In the worst disaster known to Hayti's history, President Cincinnatus Leconte was killed and 40 Oothers killed and injured by an explosion early to-day which wrecked the national palace in this city. The edifice was afterwards destroyed by fire originating in the explosion, but every member of the family of the President escaped.

The explosion is believed to have been due to a dynamite plot by agents of the revolutionary party. Accurate figures of the casualties are unobtainable, as the city is under martial law and artict secrecy is being mantained concerning the assassination. The disaster was reported as an accident, in an official statement, but cables were allowed to be sent to foreign governments intimating that the palace was blown up by an explosive placed beneath it for the express purpose of killing the President. The outrage is believed to mark the beginning of the new revolution.

Members of the President's family and their servants were awakened by a terrific explosion which shook the entire city at 3:15 this morning.

Then followed several other explosions in rapid succession, all of less intensity than the first. Fire started from several buildings close to the palace aend that building was soon enveloped in flames, from which the occupants barely escaped with their lives.

In one corner of the basement of the palace large quantities of ammunition were stored. When the fire reached these the detonations were terrible. Small cannons were blown hundreds of feet and bullets filled the air like hailstones. Fragments of iron and shells were thrown through the streets, killing and injuring many. A number of the palace attendants were killed.

An extraordinary session of Congress was called immediately and General Tancrede Auguste, senator and ex-minister of public works, was named President until such time as an election can be held.

TIMOTHY J. DUNBAR DEAD.

Old Norwich Township Resident Passed Away at Portville, N. Y.

Timothy J. Dunbar died August 9, 1912, at the home of his son, Volney Dunbar, at Portville, N. Y., after a brief illness of rheumatism of the heart. He was aged sixty-five years.

Mr. Dunbar was born April 21st, 1847, at Port Allegany, Pa. Moving from there to Christian Hollow when a boy of five years, where he lived until last fall, when he sold his farm and went to live with his son, Volney.

When about twenty years of age he was converted and united with the Baptist church. On Dec. 31, 1878, he was married to Miss Flora J Gallup of the same place. Six children were born to them, one dying when seven years of age.

His wife also preceded him seven years ago to the Great Beyond. He was a man of temperate habits and kind disposition. He leaves to mourn his loss five children: Volney, of Portville, N. Y.; Roy, Mildred, Lillian and Francis, of Buffalo, N. Y. Also a large circle of friends who mourn the loss of a kind neighbor and a good citizen.

IMPORTANT IF CORRECT.

Dr. Odin, of Paris, Claims He Has Found the Microbe of Cancer.

Paris, Aug. 13.—Dr. Gaston Odin, the physician and noted microbiologist, claims that he has found the microbe of cancer. In announcing his discovery, Dr. Odin says:

"Cancer in the human, is due to the presence of a parasite in the blood. This parasite is an amibe, a class of microbe which constantly changes form, growing rapidly, and rapidly forms fresh ambles."

Dr. Odin says he can now infallibly detect the presence of ambles in the human blood in the case of apparently healthful persons. In his laboratory, Dr. Odin has been able to cultivate the cancer microbe and he also claims that he has discovered a virus capable o killing the microbe.

DR. H. E. WHEELER

Will be at the Wright House Wednesday, Aug. 21, at which place he will be pleased to receive all persons who need attention to their eyes. Free examination.

NEVER TOUCHED HIM.

Dusky Hubby Dodged Bullets Fired by Wife From Revolver.

Saturday's Bradford Era says: Mrs. Lizzie Newman Hill, a vivacious young colored woman, is in the city prison and will be obliged to answer to two charges of felonious assault with intent to commit murder, as the result of a shooting scene enacted last night at No. 10 Howard street, in the Third ward. Mrs. Hill admitted that she intended to kill her husband, Ralph Hill, but he was successful in dodging the bullets from a seven-charmber revolver of a large calibre. David Hill, father of Ralph, also had a narrow escape.

The Hills have been married for a little over two years. Mrs. Hill claims that her husband has not properly provided for her and that their married life has been one round of misunderstandings. On Thursday, Ralph Hill advertised that he would pay no bills contracted by his wife. Yesterday Mrs. Hill caused a warrant to be issued by Alderman Foley charging her husband with assault and battery. At a subsequent hearing Hill was discharged by the alderman.

After Ralph Hill had been set free by the magistrate and was leaving for his home, Mrs. Hill, the prosecutrix, was heard to remark that she would kill him. To make good her threat Mrs. Hill purchased a revolver.

Last night Ralph Hill and his father went to No. 10 Howard street where a rooming house is conducted by a colored woman. Both men had gone to bed.

About 11 o'clock there was a sharp rap at the front door of the house and David Hill asked who was at the door.

"Have my husband, Ralph Hill, come out."

There was no response and a minute later, the woman on the outside was heard to say:

"Ralph Hill, come out."

There was still no response from the occupants of the house. Then a bullet crashed through the window of the bedroom which Ralph and his father were occupying. With a frenzied threat the woman repeated her demand that the two men come out. By this time the people of the neighborhood had become aroused and a telephone call was sent to the police station. In the meantime the woman with the gun shot through the two front windows seven times, shattering the glass and causing much excitement. Ralph Hill is fleet of foot and "ducked" through a rear door. His father sought safety in a back room.

Howard street is dark and when the police arrived on the scene the owner of an automobile was asked to run his machine into the street so that the lights on the forward part of the auto would illuminate the thoroughfare. When an officer walked up to the front of the house where the woman was standing, she threw the gun at his feet. She was taken in charge and escorted to the police station. On the way she was informed that she did not hit any of the members of the household she expressed herself as being sorry as she wanted to kill her husband.

While Mrs. Hill was being taken to the police station her husband was in Alderman Foley's office having a warrant issued for the woman's arrest. David Hill also made a deposition and charged his daughter-in-law with felonious assault with intent to commit murder.

Lizzie Newman, of Pittsburgh, was married to Ralph Hill in this city by Alderman Knapp, on March 12, 1910.

KILLED TWO AND HIMSELF.

A Clarion County Farmer Kills Wife, Step-Child and Himself.

Marlasville, Pa., Aug. 14.—A double murder and suicide which was discovered early this morning is causing intense excitement throughout this section. Yesterday morning neighbors, whose suspicions had been aroused by the non-appearance of the family since Friday evening last, went to the house of A. D. Dearolph, near Knox and between that place and Wentling's corners, and discovered that he shot and killed his wife and his step-daughter, Miss Eva Exley, and then placed the rubber hose gas connections in his mouth and thus committed suicide.

No cause for the tragedy can be assigned. The family were regarded as being without serious troubles of any kind and fairly prosperous and well respected. It is thought by some that jealousy may have been the cause of the awful deed.

Mrs. Dearolph had evidently been shot once with a revolver which was found near with four empty chambers, and, evidently, not being killed thus, had the top of her head blown off with a charge from a breechloading shotgun. Miss Eva Exley had received two shots from the revolver suffering wounds not immediately fatal.

The tragedy was discovered Tuesday morning by Reuben Wentling, brother-in-law of Dearolph. The bodies of the man and woman were partially decomposed, making it certain that they had been dead for several days. It is thought the young woman lived up till possibly yesterday, as her body was not yet rigid. She had been shot through the lung.

There was evidence that Dearolph had made several efforts to kill himself before succeeding. He had tried to use the gun, but that was out of order after the shot that killed his wife. There was evidence that an attempt to repair it had failed. Then the man had secured a rope, but had failed to find any place in the house to which to tie it. As a last resort, he had opened the gas connection, placed the hose in his mouth and pulled a pillow case over his head and held his nose with his thumb and finger as he breathed the deadly fumes.

WONDERFUL SURGERY.

Bones Taken From the Dead Aides Cripple to Walk.

New York, Aug. 13.—By a feat of modern surgery a 2-year-old boy admitted to the Post Graduate hospital five weeks ago with deformities, which in the light of medical science of a few years or even months ago, would have made him a hopeless cripple for life, returned to Waterbury, Conn. today sound and normal in limb and functions.

Bone transplantation, the newest line of experimentation in twentieth century surgery, reclaimed the young cripple. Bones taken from the bodies of healthy infants who had suffered violent deaths and placed in cold storage, were transplanted into the body of the boy by an entirely new operation which can now be pronounced successful.

The little patient was born with deformed feet, commonly known as club feet, due to the fact that there were not the normal number of bones in the feet. The ordinary corrective measures hitherto required the cutting of the ligaments and tissues and the gradual straightening of the feet by the use of braces and apparatus. This treatment occupied years.

It was a new idea and a bold stroke of surgery to attempt in this case to reconstruct and practically build up the skeleton of the foot by the use of bones from the bodies of other children. It was attempted, however, and accomplished with entire success, and opens a new field to orthopedic surgeons.

The surgical wound was then closed with sutures and the foot placed in a plaster cast to give the "transplanted" bones rest until nature should adopt it as part of the skeleton of the foot.

An operation exactly similar was performed on the other foot, and it was placed in a plaster cast.

The combined operations occupied only about half an hour. The little patient came out from the effects of the anesthetic with no symptoms of shock. There was but one thing to guard against, and that was the breaking or moving of the casts until the proper time should arrive. Nurses kept careful guard over the boy in bed, for he was strong and playful and seemed to suffer hardly any pain as a result of the operation.

A week ago the plaster casts were removed and the boy's feet were found to have assumed normal shape. No braces or bandages were used after the casts were taken off, and today the youngster returned as a normal boy to the home he left about five weeks ago a helpless cripple.

This was Doctor Albee's first operation upon a human being in the transplantation of bones from one body to another. It was the first operation ever attempted for correcting club feet by means of bone transplantation.

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WATERING PLANTS.

How the Best Results May Be Obtained—Things to Avoid.

On first consideration it does not seem possible that there can be much to learn in the simple matter of garden watering, but such grave and disastrous mistakes can be made in this direction that a few hints should prove useful to amateur horticulturists.

It should be said at once that the watering of whole beds and borders should be delayed for as long as possible, moisture only being given artificially to such subjects as must have a fairly damp soil in which to prosper and, of course, to small seedling plants. Overwatering is frequently a cause of loss.

By keeping the surface well loosened with the hoe, so that every drop of rain sinks into the soil, the time when the hose or water can become absolutely necessary may be put off for several days. But when the day arrives on which watering is essential let it be a thorough soaking you give the plants. A mere sprinkling of moisture then does much more harm than good.

Water applied direct from the main through a hose or can is not beneficial to plants. On the contrary, it frequently does them injury.

If there is no storage of rain water available do not let cold tap water touch the stems and leaves of plants. Direct the stream on to the surface round the stems or place some old, decayed manure round the plants and pour the water on to it.

In hot weather watering should be done in the evening, unless there are young plants which are liable to be attacked by slugs. Such plants it is advisable to moisten in the morning.

FRIENDS IN FEATHERS.

How to Attract Nice Birds About Your Place.

Some birds are on quite intimate terms with the "children of men." None are more so, perhaps, than the wee nut brown wrens. No birds are more interesting or may be more easily watched, for these tiny creatures need only the encouragement of the right kind of nesting boxes to take up their abode almost at one's very door. For some years a pair of these birds (the same wrens apparently returning each spring) have nested in a cigar box tied to one of the pillars of my porch. Regardless of the fact that this porch is a veritable outdoor living room from which some of the family are seldom absent, the birds have carried on their housekeeping and fed their wee babies entirely unmindful of us.

The secret of success in luring wrens is that the hole in the box provided is small enough. The outline of a twenty-five cent piece is just the right size, but as wrens raise two broods these birds will often take possession of a box put out late in June. Bluebirds, martens and sparrows also nest in houses provided for their use, but such boxes must be placed some distance from the home if they are to be occupied, as these birds are more timid.—Exchange.

How to Save a Carpet.

What every woman knows is how many a handsome carpet is made to take on a prematurely middle aged look by ignorant and injudicious sweeping. An inexperienced maid will sweep hither and thither, utterly regardless of the pile of the carpet and raising clouds of dust during the process that spell ruin to the furniture.

That a carpet sweeper will pay for itself many times over is easy to understand when one considers that this process is dustless and that a carpet treated in this way is more efficiently cleansed, while at the same time less stress is brought to bear on the fabric, and therefore the life of the carpet is greatly lengthened. When threads, etc., become a tangled mass in the bristles of the roller brush and seem impossible to remove use a wire hairbrush of the ten cent variety. After removing the roller from the sweeper vigorously brush out the tangles with the hairbrush. It will be clean in less than five minutes.

How to Make a Cheap Filter.

Take a large garden pot and stop the hole in the bottom of it by placing a piece of sponge lightly in it. Cover with a few inches of powdered charcoal, fill with water and let it stand over a pail or tub supported by two or three sticks laid across. The water filtering through the charcoal will be freed from all impurities and will be fit for family use. Charcoal should be changed every three months and the sponge several times a year.

How to Clean White Paint.

The secret of cleaning white paint is to divide the work between two people, one of whom undertakes the washing of the wood and the other the polishing. Soap suds and warm water, which are the best for enamel, should be applied with a piece of flannel, while a clean duster and a piece of old linen are ready to dry and polish the wood immediately the flannel has done its work.

How to Remove Can Tops.

Fruit can tops have an annoying habit of sticking. Have two strips of coarse sandpaper an inch wide and eight inches long in the kitchen. Fold the strip of sandpaper around the can top and give it a twist. It will loosen immediately.

How to Make Lemonade.

When making this refreshing drink dissolve the sugar in a little hot water before adding it to the lemon juice. It will not sink and will sweeten it more quickly.

IVY POISONING.

How to Get Relief From This Painful Rash.

Poisoning the skin by poison ivy (Rhus toxicodendron) is frequent in the summer and the early autumn. Some fortunate persons are not susceptible, but most are poisoned if they come into direct contact with the plant, says the Youth's Companion.

The disorder causes discomfort always and sometimes suffering. It shows itself within a few hours with redness, heat and irritation of the skin, swelling and the formation of small vesicles. These vesicles may occur in great numbers. Often many of them coalesce to form blisters, and they also break and exude a sticky yellowish serum. It is this fluid that by its escape spreads the disease to the adjacent skin or to the face and other parts of the body.

The swelling may be so considerable as completely to close the eyes. As a rule, the acute symptoms continue several days, at the end of which time the vesicles either discharge or crust over and the swelling and redness slowly disappear. In this stage the itching may be intense and is likely to provoke repeated scratching, which may in turn bring about eczema.

The best way to treat ivy poisoning is simple. The inflamed skin should be copiously washed with lukewarm water and a soap that does not irritate. The parts affected should then be bathed with a watery solution of permanganate of potash as hot as can be borne. If the skin is broken a per cent solution should be used; if the skin is not broken, however, the strength of the solution may be increased up to 2 or 3 per cent. Treatment should begin the instant symptoms are observed.

In mild cases one treatment is enough. Occasionally the poison is more deeply seated, and the permanganate must be applied for some time. In these cases and in the extremely rare instances of systemic infection due to the entrance of the poison into the circulation a physician must be called.

The patient must avoid scratching of course. Bandages are undesirable because they tend to spread the poison over the surrounding skin. If any protector is needed let it be a loosely applied dressing of absorbent cotton and gauze, changed frequently and kept moist at all times with warm water containing a little bicarbonate of soda.

Permanganate of potash discolors everything with which it comes in contact and stains the skin a deep brown color, but that is a small price to pay for the relief it affords. The stain will wear off in a few days or it can be removed by vigorous applications of soap and water. In the healing stages of the disorder soothing ointments may be used.

HOW TO BOTTLE FRUIT JUICES.

Great Care Should Be Taken When Fitting Corks.

In putting up fruit juices in ordinary bottles exercise the same care in sterilization that you would for ordinary canning. Have the bottles clean and heated to boiling point in water, new, scalded corks, etc. Usually the fruit juice will need heating to steaming point, settling and filtering as for jelly. After that put it into the clean bottles, leaving a little space to allow for the liquid's expansion on heating.

Set the filled bottles on a rack in a wash boiler, fill up with water to within an inch of the tops and heat gradually to the simmering point. Then cork and seal immediately.

The corks should be put in hot water for some minutes before using, since this not only sterilizes them, but makes them more pliable, so that a good fit is certain. The corks, being porous, need to be completely covered with paraffin or sealing wax. A cheap kind of the latter, called "bottling wax," is usually a little safer than paraffin.

How to Use Old Stockings.

Don't throw away your old black stockings when the feet are worn out. Cut the feet off and rip the stockings open at the seams. Then sew them together, keeping the narrow parts together, and of them make the top of your petticoats.

They make excellent stockinet tops for silk ruffled underskirts that would cost considerable if bought.

After you have sewed the stocking legs together fit them about the hips, sew on a waist band and trim off even around the bottom.

Now make a corded silk ruffle the necessary length and attach it to the stocking top by a French seam. There you have it—a perfectly fitting petticoat at about half the cost of the same ready made.

A hint that the economical woman will be sure to make use of.

How to Clean Lace Panels.

Very frequently lace door panels shrink after washing, making it impossible to use them again. To prevent this follow these instructions: After removing the panel from the door thoroughly clean the glass.

Wash and starch the lace, slip in the rods immediately and replace the panel on the door. Care should be observed to pull the lace straight, tacking down the sides if necessary to stretch the panel. Allow it to dry upon the door. This gives far better results than to launder the panel in the usual manner.

How to Cook Canned Corn.

Remove the paper wrapper from the can. Drop can in a kettle of boiling water and cook it for fifteen or twenty minutes. Take out can with a cloth so as to avoid burning fingers, open it and turn the corn out on a hot dish. Add a lump of butter, a tablespoonful of cream, pepper and salt and you have a dish fit for a king.

Renewed His Courage.

"Jabe Mathis of the Thirteenth Georgia was a good soldier," said General Longstreet, "but one day, when the Confederates were retreating from the gory field of Gettysburg, Jabe threw his musket on the ground, seated himself by the roadside and exclaimed with vehemence: 'I'll be dogoned if I walk another step! I'm broke down. I can't do it.' And Jabe was the picture of despair.

"'Git up, man,' exclaimed the captain. 'Don't you know the Yankees are following us? They'll get you sure.'

"'Can't help it,' said Jabe. 'I'm done for. I'll not march another step!'

"The Confederates passed along over the crest of a hill and lost sight of poor, dejected Jabe. In a moment there was a fresh rattle of musketry and a renewed crash of shells. Suddenly Jabe appeared on the crest of the hill, moving with hurricane swiftness and followed by a cloud of dust. As he dashed by his captain that officer said:

"'Hello, Jabe! Thought you wasn't going to march any more?'

"'Thunder!' replied Jabe as he hit the dust with renewed vigor. 'You don't call this marching, do you?'"—Kansas City Star.

Simplicity of Jenny Lind.

Jenny Lind must have been the most simple, unpretending prima donna that ever lived. When she first visited England she was bound to sing only at the Royal Italian Opera House, and when commanded to sing at the queen's concert she was obliged to refuse. Very sorry to be compelled to notify this, she ordered her carriage and drove straight to Buckingham palace. She handed her card to an official, who, not unnaturally, declined to take it. A higher authority happened to pass and took it upon himself to present it. As soon as her majesty saw it she said, "Admit her by all means." Jenny Lind appeared and said simply that she was so very sorry to be unable to sing at her majesty's concert that she thought it better to call herself and explain. The queen was charmed with her natural manner, gave her a cordial reception and promised to be her friend.

Battle of Armageddon.

Readers of the Bible know that the battle of Armageddon, which in the revised version is Harmageddon, is to be the last conflict between the hosts of the Lord and all the powers of darkness. It is prophesied in Revelation xvi, 16, "And he gathered them together in a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon." The name comes from har megiddo, the mountain district of Megiddo—the mountain land of Israel. There is where the stars fought against Sisera, as narrated in the book of Judges, and where Josiah, rebellious king of Judah, was slain by Pharaoh, king of Egypt. The "battle of Armageddon" is used symbolically to describe any great conflict, but in its original meaning it referred to the final struggle which is to precede the millennium.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Consolatory.

A correspondent of an English paper tells how some one visited a wild beast show and saw a countryman come in bearing unmistakable signs of having had a glass too much. A tiger scratched the back of the hand with which the man grasped a bar of the cage. The laceration was severe, and the pain was great. The sufferer danced about and twirled his shillalah, crying: "Let him out! Let him out till I have me will ov him!" A companion tried to soothe the irate dancer with this neat impromptu: "Never mind, Pat. Sure, he only wanted to scrape acquaintance wid ye."

Whittier's Good Wishes.

A young woman once sat at a boarding house table beside a reserved and awkward country boy whom she delighted to tease. When she left she asked him to write in her autograph album. The poem which John G. Whittier wrote there stands as a warning to other young ladies that she who laughs first at a seemingly dumb countryman may be herself laughed at many years later. The quaint concluding stanza is:

Thy life—may nothing vex it,
Thy years be not a few,
And at thy final exit
May the devil miss his due.

Children of Today.

Modern children are very precocious. A Mount Washington man asked his little nephew if he knew who Cinderella was.

"Sure!" said the urchin. "I've seen her."

"You've seen her?" gasped his uncle, in astonishment.

"Sure I've seen her. She's a character in a musical comedy."—Pittsburgh Post.

Good Amendment.

Husband—This cake is very good, my dear, but it seems to me there ought to be a little more— Wife (in clear, icy, incisive tones)—That cake came by mail and was made by your mother. Husband—Yes, as I was saying, there ought to be a little more—of it.

Only In a Business Way.

"So Clara rejected the plumber."

"Do you know why?"

"Somebody told her to be careful about encouraging him, as he hit the pipe."—Baltimore American.

As to Success.

Griggs—I should say that the two keys to success are luck and pluck. Briggs—Sure! Luck in finding some one to pluck.—Boston Transcript.

He who knows only his own side of the case knows little of that.—Mill.

HOW TO USE ODDS AND ENDS

Handy Ways to Utilize Remnants From the Bargain Counter.

Out of odd lengths of ribbon or half yards of satin a stock of little bows and cravats can be made which provide such an indispensable finish to the jabot or a lace shirt. The merest strips of ribbon can be converted into the little posies of mixed flowers which can be worn in the center of the corsage or tucked into the coat front. Purple ribbon can be turned into violets, pink, red and crimson into rosebuds and berries, blue into forgetmenots and green into leaves and stems, while other shades are equally useful. roses, poppies and jessamine being easily carried out in colors which do not legitimately belong to them. To make the berries, which are so popular just now, all that is required in addition to the remnant of satin or ribbon is a little cotton wool, which should be made into the tiny tufts. Each one should be attached around a "crook" of wire and then covered with the material. These pellets can afterward be massed together to represent elderberries or ivy with foliage of green satin or silk.

A few yards of beaded net can be converted even at home into a useful tunic which will entirely metamorphose an evening gown. The bottom of the tunic can be edged with embroidery or fringe which has been sold probably at a fifth of its original price. A clever dressmaker can frequently join strips of embroidery together, hiding the seams with a motif or tassel, while short remnants of the same pattern can often be picked up for considerably less than if the trimming were all in one piece.

HOW TO CLEAN CORDUROY.

Baby's Coat May Be Easily Washed at Home.

How many mothers have worried over the problem of cleaning baby's white corduroy coat satisfactorily and without having recourse to the professional cleaners?

The garment may be cleaned as often as necessary if the following directions are carefully observed:

Shave very thinly a bar of some pure white soap; add with two table spoonfuls of kerosene to about half a pail of water.

Boil this mixture until it is reduced one-quarter. Use a small portion of this and plenty of water to cleanse the garment. When sufficiently cleansed hold the garment spread out as much as possible while you rinse it up and down in clear water repeatedly. Be careful to have the nap running up.

When the pile is raised hang in the same position to dry. Be careful not to wring or otherwise touch the garment. It should be fastened to the line with ordinary clothespins.

If by some oversight the nap becomes flatteped wait until the place is thoroughly dry, when a brisk rubbing with a hand broom will obviate the trouble.

How to Protect Dining Table.

The housewife who possesses a highly polished table does not care to have it ruined by hot dishes, for wherever the hot dishes are placed upon the table, if the table is not properly protected, an ugly white blemish occurs. Even though one has beneath the table linen the heaviest of silence cloths, there is often danger of the heat penetrating to the table. The only way to make sure that the table will be protected is to place asbestos mats beneath hot dishes, and asbestos mats, unless they are covered, are unsightly. One of the most attractive ways of disguising the useful mat is to make a linen cover with embroidered scalloped edges and slip this over the mat. Before slipping the mat into the linen holder cover it with canton flannel on both sides. Many of the table mats bought in the stores are made of straw. These, however, are not heat proof. In order to make them so one can add to them a piece of asbestos, placing it on the under side, where it will be hidden from view. These straw and linen covered asbestos mats are indispensable when one is using a daily service or luncheon cloth where the silence cloth is not used.

How to Renovate Net.

Black net requires good brushing before washing, and the color may be restored with a very strong tea in which a little gum arabic has been dissolved to give it a little stiffness. Iron it on the wrong side with strips of paper between it and the flatiron.

If a pearly gray tone is desired it may be placed in warm milk an hour and then squeezed as dry as possible. To get a good yellow add to one pint of cold water one teaspoonful dissolved permanganate of potassium and two teaspoonfuls of the best black ink. Iron it at once on a board covered over with a thickness of flannel and finish off with only muslin between the net and flatiron.

How to Repair Rubbers.

When a rubber becomes torn do not throw it away, for it can be mended and kept in use. Take a piece of black dress braid, with the end doubled under, fasten at the upper part of the slit, bring the edges of the slit close together and fasten to the braid. Then, commencing at the bottom, the edges are sewed across with a flat overhand stitch and the upper edge finished with a buttonhole stitch, which takes in the end of the braid.

Dust in the Tip.

If your gas burns unevenly, low at one side with a long flame at the other, you may be sure there is dust in the tip. Run a piece of thin cardboard through it and you will be repaid.

THE INQUISITIVE MAN.

His Curiosity Was Eased, Though His Feelings Were Mangled.

A business man in Boston said to a reporter: "A few days before an election a little incident happened which mortified me deeply. It happened in this way: You see, I had some business to transact with one of the candidates for the legislature, and, as it was something important, I was forced to go out to his house to see him. It was quite late when I got there, and I guess he had gone to bed. At any rate, the servant who opened the door showed me into the parlor to wait for his master. I was obliged to wait some time, and while doing this I amused myself looking at the pictures and other ornaments about the room.

"On the center table, among books and other bric-a-brac, stood a big fancy decanter filled with liquor which looked like whisky. It was a curious looking decanter, and on one side was some fancy lettering which I could not make out. Being rather curious to find out what it said, I lifted the decanter up from the table and tipped it up so that the light fell on the lettering. It said, 'If you touch me I'll tell.'

"Curious, wasn't it? But, sure enough, it did tell, for I had scarcely had time to read the lettering when my ears were greeted with the tones of 'Johnny Get Your Gun.' There was a music box hidden in the bottom of the decanter, and when it was tipped the machinery started and the music began. You can judge for yourself how surprised and chagrined I was, for I had never seen the master of the house before and he would have a fine opinion of me for my meddling qualities.

"Right in the middle of the tune he walked into the parlor and gave me a curious smile when he heard that music box. It seemed as if it would never stop. I tried to make some sort of apology, but made a bull of it, I know, though now I can not think for the life of me what I said. He saw how confused I was and laughed it off, saying that it was an oddity he had found in New York."

Careless.

The story is told that a letter received some years ago by the Westinghouse Machine company said that the writer had been using one of its standard vertical engines with eminent satisfaction. For eight years it had been in continuous service night and day, handling its load without a hint of trouble, but that "upon shutting it down the other evening it went all to pieces." The letter was passed to the eminent inventor whose name the company bears, who handed it back with the remark, "Ask the blame fool what he shut it down for."—Power.

Built For the Part.

This is selected from the reminiscences of Mr. F. G. Hales, the famous English war correspondent:

"Once I wandered forth to face a callous world and noticed that a company of strolling players had just arrived in the town. I hunted up the manager and asked him if he was in need of talent. He said he was. Then he asked me if I was an actor. I said I was born an actor. He pulled me into the building and asked me to give him a sample of my powers. Of course I took something easy—the ghost scene in 'Hamlet'—and I played Hamlet, the ghost, and the whole outfit.

"When I had finished the manager took me by the arm and said:

"'I'll engage you. I have the part to suit your histrionic abilities.'

"Then he gave me a big brush, a bucket of paste and a roll of bills.

"'Go forth,' he said, 'and decorate this town. You were built for the part.'

"It was a shock, but I was used to shocks, and so I took it and a half crown payment in advance."

"YOU WERE BUILT FOR THE PART."

A Swindle.

An old couple went to a Dublin theater to have a night's amusement. The great Mrs. Siddons was playing "Mrs. Haller," and the poor bodies were kept crying all the evening. At length, at one of the scenes where the great lady came in with her handkerchief again to her eyes, the old man could stand it no longer and, starting to his feet, roared out, "Ye long nosed thief, ye call this divarshun?"

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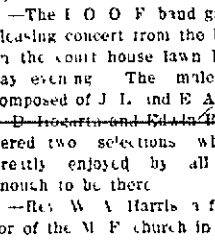

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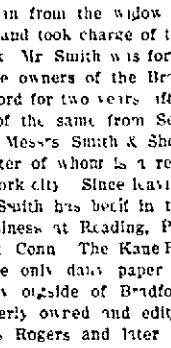

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Wait for the big Fair and Races

—Mrs B T Garlick entertained the Bridge Whist Club at her home on East Main street yesterday afternoon

—The Olean fair and races will be held September 2 3, 4 5 and 6 and a big time is promised

—The Prohibitionists of this county are holding a committee meeting at Mt Jewett this afternoon Several well known local speakers are present

—Mrs Carrie Marks entertained a party of 18 ladies at her home on Bank street Monday evening Cards were played till late in the evening after which light refreshments were served

—H J Ellsworth, the grocery man advertises this week that he will buy all the chickens, ducks and turkeys brought to him and will pay the highest market price for them Mr Ellsworth is shipping live poultry to the city market and is therefore prepared to take all that is offered him

—Thomas Mullen, a pioneer resident of Johnsonburg was found dead along side of the tracks of the B R & P railroad near Clarion Junction recently He had been taken ill with a sudden attack of heart disease and expired alone He was 80 years of age

—The I O O F band gave a very pleasing concert from the band stand on the court house lawn last Thursday evening The male quartette, composed of J L and E A Morrison, J D Rosenau and Edwin Rowan rendered two selections which were greatly enjoyed by all fortunate enough to be there

—Rev W A Harris a former pastor of the M E church in this place but now of Medina N Y, occupied the pulpit last Sunday morning and delivered an excellent sermon Before the sermon he baptized two children Pauline Frost daughter of Mr and Mrs Earl Gallup and Evalyn Lucile daughter of Mr and Mrs Leon Valentine of Philadelphia

—Charles Oakes an Erie R R yard conductor, was instantly killed at Salamanca Sunday morning by being crushed between two cars His head and chest were badly crushed and his right arm and leg mangled

—Arthur Ogden is now in the county jail on charge of wife desertion He failed to get bail in Bradford after County Detective Jones had brought him from Buffalo there

—Mrs Mary A. Berger, of Cranberry township, Venango county, has sued the Pennsylvania Railroad company, claiming that one of its engineers motioned for her to drive over a crossing and blew the whistle when her horse was near the engine She further alleges that the engineer laughed when the horse ran away and overturned the buggy throwing her out and injuring her

—Robert Dorey, a B, R & P railroad conductor, of Butler, had the unusual distinction of decorating Grand's bier on three different occasions last week On Tuesday he was notified that a son had arrived at the home of his son, John Dorey of Butler, the next day a daughter arrived at the home of his son Roger of Butler and on Friday a daughter arrived at the home of his son Patrick in New Castle

—Mrs Ralph Hill who on Friday night last made an attempt to shoot her husband and who was later arrested on warrants issued at the instigation of her husband and the latters father, David Hill charging her with felonious assault with intent to commit murder was given a hearing before Alderman Foley, Saturday afternoon, and the woman waived an examination and her bail was fixed at $1 000 on each charge She will be taken to the Smethport jail today to await the action of the grand jury —Monday's Era

—A telephone message from Wilcox today advises us that a five seat Maxwell automobile, bearing Pennsylvania license No 31 2 3, has been standing at the foot of Williamsville some two miles northwest of Rasselas and near the McKean county line since last Sunday The vehicle is not wrecked except for the loss of a set screw which was possibly the cause of the machine being abandoned But why the occupants should go away and leave two ladies' hats, other wearing apparel robes and two or three packages in the vehicle is a mystery It is hoped the publication of these facts with name of car, license number etc may soon clear up the mystery Kane Republican

—G Scott Smith has purchased the Kane Republican from the widow of R K Godding and took charge of the same this week Mr Smith was formerly one of the owners of the Bradford Daily Record for two years after the purchase of the same from Senator Emery by Messrs Smith & Shoemaker the latter of whom is a resident of New York city Since leaving Bradford Mr Smith has been in the newspaper business at Reading, Pa, and Bridgeport Conn The Kane Republican is the only daily paper in McKean county outside of Bradford and was formerly owned and edited by Col Lucius Rogers and later by N M Orr and R K Godding respectively Mr Smith is a newspaper man of experience and ability and the people of Kane can be sure he will maintain their daily paper upon a high plane of efficiency and popularity and increase its influence and patronage as the years pass Mr and Mrs Smith will reside in Kane and their many friends here will be glad to know they have returned to our county as their permanent home —Bradford Star Record

FOR BED BUGS AND OTHER HOUSEHOLD PESTS

Prof H A Surface State Zoologist Harrisburg is responsible for the statement that it is not necessary to endure a plague of bed bugs and other household pests that are liable to find their way into even the best kept houses. It it also unnecessary for the good housewife to be obliged to keep up a constant running fight with kerosene, gasoline or benzine which produces offensive odors in bed rooms Where there is put slight infestation, this may be cleaned up by the liberal use of corrosive sublimate dissolved in alcohol It should be applied generously with a spring bottom oil can in such a way as to be injected into each crack and crevice where the pests may live

The best possible means of getting rid of such pests is by fumigation with hydrocyanic acid gas, made by dropping the material known as cyanide of potassium into a solution of sulfuric acid and water The amount to be used is one ounce of cyanide of potassium, two ounces of sulfuric acid and four ounces of water for each one hundred cubic feet of space To determine the amount needed the three measurements of the room to be treated should be multiplied and this divided by one hundred This gives the number of ounces of cyanide of potassium (by weight), and multiplying this by two gives the number of ounces of sulfuric acid (by measure), and again doubling this gives the number of fluid ounces of water to use The cyanide of potassium should be ninety eight per cent chemically pure, and the sulfuric acid should be as heavy as 1 83 specific gravity Dilute or impure materials will not give satisfactory results

The water is poured into an earthen vessel that holds at least three times the amount of water used The sulfuric acid is poured into the water. The proper amount of cyanide in the form of small lumps, like alum, is weighed and put into a paper sack near the vessel containing the dilute acid Under the vessel should be spread old rugs or carpets and also several thicknesses of newspapers to prevent the acid from bubbling and destroying the carpet or rug If the room is large or contains more than a hundred cubic feet two vessels should be used instead of one placing one at each end of the room If the rooms are very large it is better to use three or four vessels instead of one or two but care must be taken to arrange them in such a manner that the operator can drop the paper bags with the cyanide of potassium first into the one farthest from the door and then pass quickly to the others dropping it in and hurrying to the door which should be closed and locked

The gas will not injure any fabric or food product, and it is not necessary to remove any articles from the room to be fumigated except living plants and pets Let the fumigation continue for two hours or longer Before attempting the fumigation see that the room is closed as tightly as possible so as to be practically air tight One should be careful to avoid inhaling for a single time a breath of the poisonous fumes, as they are extremely deadly Great care should be taken to do the fumigation correctly Write to the Division of Zoology Department of Agriculture Harrisburg, Pa for their Bulletin containing the article on Household Fumigation

One thorough treatment of this kind will clean up a house mill or other infested building for an entire year In his experimental work Professor Surface has absolutely eradicated the pests from buildings by one single fumigation but in most cases it may be advisable to repeat the treatment in about two or three weeks

Snug Harbor.

More than 100 years ago a sailor died, leaving an apple orchard comprising twenty-one acres of land, then in the suburbs of the city of New York. He left it for the purpose of establishing a home for aged, indigent and infirm sailors. This was the foundation of the Sailors' Snug Harbor, on Staten Island, where nearly 900 worn-out sailors are enjoying all the comforts of home in their declining years. The little apple orchard of more than 100 years ago is now in the heart of New York city, with a value estimated at $20 000,000

Both Fond of Money

Whitaker Wrong—Won't you lend me even a diver, then? Well, I must say you're thundering fond of your money Cautious Friend—Yes, that's where the difference is between you and me. Whitaker Wrong—How do you mean? Cautious Friend—Why, I'm fond of my money, and you're fond of other people's.—London Tit Bits.

Stung Himself.

"Pink, I'm afraid you are wasting your time brushing my hat. I don't seem to have anything smaller than a ten dollar bill"

"I kin change dat all right, boss."

"Then you don't need the tip. So long, Pink."—Chicago Tribune.

Profit and Loss.

"So Dibble is playing golf for his health?"

"Yes"

"Any improvement?"

"His health is better, but his language is worse."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

LIGHTS THAT FAILED.

Gloom Reigned When Thackeray and Charlotte Brontë Met.

Those do not always shine who should, as many a chagrined host or hostess has found out. Amusing in retrospect, if quite otherwise at the moment, must have been the occasion when Charlotte Bronte, "the little lady from Yorkshire of whom all England was talking," appeared at the London house of the author of "Vanity Fair" The story is told in Lewis Melville's "The Thackeray Country."

Thackeray gave a dinner party to meet Charlotte Bronte in June, 1850, and among the guests were the Carlyles, the Procters, the Brookfields, Mr Crowe, Miss Eliot and Miss Perry.

"It was a gloomy and silent evening," Lady Ritchie has recorded. "Every one waited for the brilliant conversation which never began at all.

"Miss Bronte returned to the sofa in the study and murmured a low word now and then to our governess, Miss Truelock The room looked very dark, the lamp began to smoke a little, the conversation grew dimmer and more dim; the ladies sat round still expectant. My father was too much perturbed by the gloom and the silence to be able to cope with it at all Mrs. Brookfield, who was in the corner in which Miss Bronte was sitting, bent forward with a little commonplace, since brilliance was not to be the order of the evening.

"'Do you like London, Miss Bronte?' she asked. Another silence, a pause; then Miss Bronte answered very gravely.

"'Yes—no.'

"After Miss Bronte had left I was surprised to see my father opening the front door with his hat on He put his finger to his lips walked out into the darkness and shut the door quietly behind him Overcome by the gloom and constraint, he was running away to his club"

TERROR OF A BOMB.

A Dramatic Incident of the Political Unrest in Russia.

Here is the story of a Russian anarchist outrage in the words of one who was nearly killed in the explosion While staying at Cannes H Jones Thaddeus, author of "Recollections of a Court Painter," met the Grand Duchess Elene of Russia who gave him an account of the then recent attempt upon the life of the czar The czar was a few minutes late in his arrival in the dining room and for this reason the explosion was premature After describing the event the grand duchess told Mr Thaddeus:

When the echoes of the explosion died away a dead silence succeeded, which united with the darkness prevailing, so dense as almost to be felt, conduced to render our helpless position still more painful and unendurable We dared not move There was no escape from the peril which surrounded us. Presently out of the darkness came the clear, calm voice of the czar. 'My children, let us pray!' The sound of his voice, while reassuring us as to his safety so far, relieved the awful strain on our nerves and brought comfort to our hearts.

"We sank to our knees, sobbing How long we remained so I really do not know. It seemed an eternity of anguish before the guards appeared with candles, little expecting to find us alive. Some of us were nearly demented when the welcome relief arrived, and our feelings were not calmed as we then contemplated the awful nature of the destruction we had escaped.

"A few feet in front of the czar was a black chasm where so short a time before had been the brilliantly lit dining room filled with servants. Not a trace of it or of them remained."

The "Copper."

There are two theories as to the source of the term "cop" or "copper," the familiar name for an officer of the law in the mouth of the mischievous gamin. One derives it from the letters C. O P.—central office police—but the other and more usual explanation of the word is that it referred to the eight point star made of copper and surrounded by a copper ring worn by the Metropolitan police of New York in the late fifties. This badge, a huge affair, which was fastened to the buttonhole by a chain about four inches long, was later superseded by a special badge of smaller size

For His Own Pleasure.

"I suppose your wife was more than delighted at your raise of salary, wasn't she?" asked Jones of Brown.

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Smethport, Thursday, Aug. 15, 1912.

Sixty men were killed in a coal mine disaster in Germany last Thursday.

President Taft vetoed the steel bill to-day. The President based his veto on the ground that the poor steel magnates of this country would not be sufficiently protected under the terms o fthe new bill.

An exchange asks: "Why did Roosevelt secede from the Republican party?" Because, after it had been clearly demonstrated that he was the choice of a vast majority of the Republicans in the United States, he was beaten out of the nomination by a gang of unscrupulous politicians who had rather ruin the party than give up their unjust hold upon it.

In an attempt to poke fun at the name "Washington" party, that has been adopted by the Progressives in this state, an exchange says: "George W. was the wealthiest aristocrat of his time. Although a patriot, he did not believe in the rule of the common people." We can easily see how a follower of the Taft-Penrose crowd can belittle such a noble man as George Washington but we don't see where it is going to make any votes for the Daft crowd.

Seven men were electrocuted for murder on Monday at Sing Sing prison. Five of the men who paid the penalty of death were convicted in Westchester county for the murder of Mrs. Mary Hall at Croton Lake, November 9, 1911. The other two were convicted for crimes committed in New York county. The five who killed Mrs. Hall are Angelo Guista, Vincenza Cona, Salvatore Demarco, Lorenza Cali and Felipe Demarco. They entered the Hall home for robbery and when Mrs. Hall resisted them, stabbed her to death.

Many people may wonder why the Progressives in this State call themselves the "Washington" party, and therefore we give the facts. When Penrose and his crowd learned of the third party movement they pre-empted every name they could think of that had a progressive meaning, thinking they might block the progressive movement in Pennsylvania and therefore the Progressives were obliged to adopt a name that did not directly apply to the cause. The Washington party is the Progressive party of Pennsylvania and it will have the largest vote of any party in this State in November next.

President Taft has vetoed the wool bill which reduced the tariff on wool to 29 per cent. He indicated in his veto message that he wanted the tariff reduced but would not stand for its going below 35 per cent.

A ruling by Speaker Clark which eliminated from the final vote ten members who had voted "present" on Tuesday enabled the Democrats and Insurgent Republicans of the House to pass the wool bill over the President's veto. The vote was 174 to 89; ninefeen Progressive Republicans joining with the Democrats.

There was wild excitement when the Speaker declared that the two-thirds vote necessary, included only those members who had voted "aye" or "no." Democrats cheered for several minutes while the Speaker called violently for order. Afterwards the Speaker elaborated his ruling and cited the fact that bills may be passed by the House by two-thirds of any number of votes, providing a quorum is present.

Seven Democrats and three Republicans constituted the ten who voted "present." The Democrats are Representatives Ashbrook, Estopinal, Humphreys, Johnson of South Carolina; Rucker of Missouri; Slayden and Sparkman. The Republicans were Fordney, Haugen and Hawley.

The 19 Republicans who favored the Democratic measure are: Akin, Anderson, Anthony, Cooper, Davis, of Minnesota; Helgessen, Kent, La Follette, Lndbergh, Miller, of Minnesota; Lafferty, Morse, of Wisconsin; Norris, Reese, Sloan, Steenereon, Warburton, Woods, of Iowa, and Young, of Kansas.

The bill as passed carries an average duty of 29 per cent. advalorem.

The death list from the earthquake which shook that part of Turkey along the sea of Marmora, on Saturday last, has grown from the 300 known dead of Saturday night to more than 1,000 on Sunday, while the injured are estimated at from 5,000 to 6,000. Accurate figures of either dead or injured cannot be obtained owing to the interruption of telegraphic communication throughout the empire.

Terrible want and distress have followed the quake and the government is doing its utmost to aid the survivors of the disaster.

The details of the earthquake, which are coming in slowly owing to the interruption of the wires, indicate that the seismic disturbance was widespread. Several hundred persons have been killed, thousands are homeless and outbreaks of fire have occurred in many of the towns and villages. Great destruction has been caused by the upheaval. The entire district between Constantinople and Adrianople felt the shock severely. Fugitives from Myriophite report 300 killed and 300 injured. The town was still burning when they left. Ganos-Hora has been wiped out, 80 persons being killed and 30 wounded. The wrecked buildings took fire and most of them were burned to the ground. Shar-Koi was completely destroyed and two nearby villages were engulfed. Adrianople suffered little damage, but Tohorju was partially destroyed by the earthquake and fire. The center of the disturbance appears to have been in the region of the Dardanelles. Eye witnesses have arrived at Constantinople and give harrowing accounts of the havoc wrought. The majority of the houses in Gallipoli are in ruins and the people are camping in the fields. Tchanak-Kalessi is in an equally bad plight, but the loss of life in these towns is small, although the injured are many. The shock was felt on the warships anchored in the Dardanelles. It was first attributed to Italian torpedo boats.

FOR GOOD ROADS.

Everybody, Regaradless of Party, Should Vote Favoring Constitutional Amendment.

Harrisburg, Pa., August 6—Notwithstanding the undoubted popularity of the good roads movement in this State, the officials of the Pennsylvania Motor Federation and others active in the cause, are impressed with the importance of all friends of good roads taking advantage of every opportunity to emphasize this sentiment.

Careful investigation convinces the officers of the Motor Federation that the proposition to amend the Constitution so as to permit the State to borrow money up to $50,000,000 for road construction, is immensely popular with people of all classes, but they have also learned that efforts are being made to lead the farmers of the State to believe that their interests are not paramount in this matter, and that somehow or other there would be more money for the dirt roads of the townships if the bond issue were not to go through.

Attention is directed to the recent statement of an officer of the State Grange to the effect that the proposed bond issue would require the setting aside of $3,500,000 annually for interest and sinking fund, which amount, if expended direct, would do a lot of road building. In answer to this it is pointed out that no such amount would be required for carrying the bond issue as proposed. The bonds would not be issued all at once, but only from time to time in such amounts as were needed for the work in hand. It would be altogether impracticable to have 8,000 miles of highway under construction at the same time. Furthermore, instead of permitting all the bonds to run for the full 30-year period, the State would be in a position to retire some of them in a few years and others at frequent intervals, so that at no time would the full issue be outstanding.

The Grange official says that on two occasions the governor cut large amounts out of the appropriations for dirt roads, but it is significant that on both these occasions the appropriations for State roads also were reduced to such an extent that the Highway department was compelled to abandon a large part of its construction program. In both cases the cutting was due to lack of funds and that is exactly the condition the $50,000,000 bond issue is intended to heal.

The advocates of the bond issue believe that when the farmers come to study the matter they will see that the proposed bonds will provide a way for relieving the current revenues of the burden of supplying money for the main highway construction, and that this will leave more money for distribution among the townships for making and maintaining the dirt roads that are so important to the occupants of the farms.

It is pointed out that as long as the State roads and the township roads are competitors for a share of the current cash of the State, the worst end of the bargain is likely to go to the township roads, and that therefore the farmer, even if he had no vital interest in the building of fine State roads between the market towns and cities, has the best of reason for supporting the bond issue.

The subject is likely to figure conspicuously in the campaign now beginning, for the members of the legislature elected this year are to vote on the $50,000,000 bond amendment at the session of 1913, and it will then go to the people for their approval.

FARMERS VALLEY ITEMS.

County Commissioner A. R. Cory, of Smethport, H. D. Otto, L. A. Patterson, Harry Patterson, Forest Day, Mary Caldwell, Lura Day, Rena Smith and Wilma Smith of Farmers Valley, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Champlain of Coryville, were in attendance at Pomona Grange at Turtle Point last week Wednesday. Many discussions, excellent music and a bountiful spread were enjoyed by all. There were more than a hundred in attendance.

The Catholic fair, held at Sartwell on Tuesday of last week, was largely attended, many of the young people of Smethport and Farmers Valley participating.

Sam Stull and Ray Mosier gave a pig roast for the boys, in the grove at Farmers Valley Friday afternoon. Tickets sold for $1.00.

Miss Laura Otto who is the employ of an insurance company at Wellsville came home Saturday, returning Monday.

Miss Austin of Ceres is visiting at the home of H. D. Otto.

Miss Stull, of Stulltown will teach the Valley school.

Charles Bush, formerly of Buffalo but now of St. Louis, is visiting relatives and friends here.

Seeing that three "dusters" for gas have been drilled on the west side of the Valley, why not try luck on the east side? There has never been a complete failure here as the Smith well had a showing of gas and oil, and the one near the station furnished gas for a number of stoves a long time.

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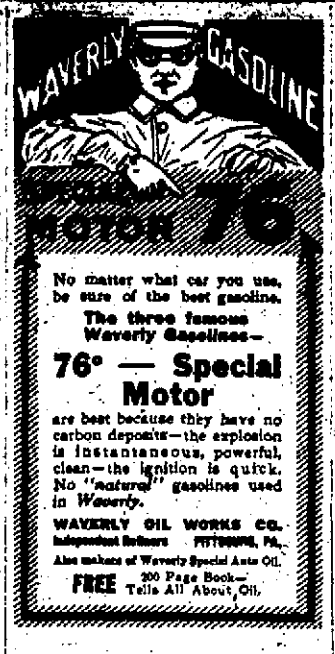
EDWARD M. BIGELOW,
State Highway Commissioner.



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In the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County.

No. 23, October Term, 1912

County of McKean, ss:

To William Splain, Olive Splain Crowley and husband, ——— Crowley, Lillian Splain, Ida Splain, Albert Splain, Benjamin Splain, Michael Peters or heirs, James Hobbs or heirs, and all other persons whom it may concern.

WE COMMAND YOU that you appear before our judges at Smethport, at our Court of Common Pleas for the County of McKean, there to be held on the 3rd day of September, A. D. 1912, at two o'clock, p. m., of that day, to make answer, upon oath or affirmation, to the facts set forth in the petition of Michael Splain filed in said court on June 10, 1912, for the purpose of supplying the defect in the title of said petitioner to certain lands situate in the Township of Ceres, County of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, being lands formerly of Michael Peters, James Hobbs and James Splain; said defect in title being occasioned by the loss of deeds from Michael Peters to James Hobbs, from James Hobbs to James Splain and from James Splain to the said Michael Splain. Herein fail not at your peril.

WITNESS the Honorable Jos. W. Bouton, President Judge of our said Court at Smethport this 10th day of June, A. D. 1912.

B. F. STARSKY,
Prothonotary.

THOS. F. GARRAHAN,
THOS. H. MORRISON,
Attorneys for Petitioner. 3t

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Smethport, Thursday, Aug. 15, 1912.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—J. C. Wirt has accepted a position in the pump station at Simpson

—Mrs. J. C. Backus entertained a party of ladies at Bridge Whist Tuesday evening.

—Merle Dickerson of Bradford has secured a position at the Holmes & Gilfillan plant and has moved his family here.

—William Halpenny has purchased the C. W. Dickinson residence on Bank street and will take possession in a short time.

—Mrs. George W. Brennan gave a six o'clock dinner for a number of ladies at her home on Mechanic street last evening.

—Mrs. Scott F. Redfield entertained a large party of ladies at Bridge Whist at her home on West Main street last Friday evening.

—Mrs. Orlo J. Hamlin entertained a number of ladies at her home on West Main street last Saturday evening at Bridge Whist.

—Mrs. Harry L. Backus entertained a number of ladies at Bridge Whist last Thursday evening at her home on East Main street.

—Wm. Monheimer has purchased the Erland Ryden home on East Main street and will move his family into the same in the near future.

—The pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, J. W. McGaern, has returned and will occupy his pulpit morning and evening, 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

—Mrs. W. B. Hopper entertained a few friends at her home on Bank street last evening. Cards were played, after which light refreshments were served.

—The annual inspection of the Smethport Fire Department, which was to have taken place Sunday afternoon, was postponed on account of the hard rain.

—Mrs. Rathbone Knox is quite ill with typhoid fever. For a long time Mrs. Knox has not been well and her friends have been very anxious about her health.—Coudersport Enterprise

—Mrs. Irene S. Howard of Bradford, driving a Packard car, collided with a street car at Jamestown yesterday. The people in the automobile were badly shaken up but no one was seriously injured.

—Mrs. Myer Rice received a letter from her son, Phillip Rice, who is shipping agent for the Southern Pacific R. R. in Tracy, California, saying that the fruit in that state was the most prolific that it had been for years.

—Olean had a big oil fire on Tuesday. Lightning struck a 35,000-barrel tank belonging to the Vacuum Oil company which contained 22,000 barrels of oil. Part of the oil was saved by being pumped out of the tank from the bottom, but that which burned made a beautiful sight.

—A son was born to Mrs. John Jacob Astor, nee Madeline Force, at 8:15 o'clock yesterday morning. This is the posthumous child of Col. John Jacob Astor who so nobly lost his life on the ill-fated Titanic, and will bear the name of John Jacob Astor, Jr. He is heir to $3,000,000.

—Ground was broken Monday morning in the rear of the postoffice building for the new building in which The Boys' Magazine will be printed. Scott F. Redfield will do his own printing of this popular magazine as soon as the building is completed and machinery installed. The building will be built of tile, and will be 32 by 70 feet.

—A dispatch from Iowa City dated Aug. 12, says: The youngest mother recorded in Iowa medical history is an eleven-year-old girl from near Davenport, who gave birth to a healthy 8½-pound child at the University Hospital to-day. The hospital authorities did not make public the girl's name.

—A dog belonging to Ira Orcutt is said to have bitten several people in Bradford on Friday of last week. Orcutt was arrested for harboring an ugly dog and the alderman who heard the case released him on his own recognizance with the understanding that he keep the dog tied up and ascertain if he showed any signs of hydrophobia.

—It is reported that detectives are searching in this section for two of the gang who are alleged to have assassinated Rosenthal in New York. Informers, it is claimed, have told the detectives that "Gyp the Blood" and "Lefty Louie" are within 100 miles of Buffalo and the Warren Times says that a detective was in that place on Tuesday looking for clues.

—Joseph Brimberry, a driver for S. G. Coffin, of Bradford, had his hip fractured and was otherwise injured when a Lewis Run trolley car ran into his rig on a crossing near Toad Hollow last Thursday afternoon. One of the horses had two legs broken and had to be killed. The other horse escaped with slight injuries. Motorman Lee was cut about the face and hands by flying glass but his injuries are not serious.

—Recently as Willie, the twelve-year-old son of Joseph Grom, was going after the cows, he came across a big wildcat and two young ones. The lad heard a noise and upon investigation found the cat and her family were feasting upon a woodchuck. She struck at the boy and hissed savagely but he lost no time in getting out of her way; and as she was busily engaged with her supper the boy had a lucky escape.—Coudersport Enterprise.

—Marion Tanska, organist at the Polish church at North Olean, was placed under arrest Saturday by an officer from Philadelphia on complaint of Alexandra Evanowski, who accompanied the officer there. The woman claims that Tanska drugged and robbed her of $750, her entire savings of years, while they were neighbors in the Pennsylvania city. Tanska was taken to Little Valley jail to await requisition papers. He has been in Olean about three months.

—A savage bull Wednesday evening killed outright Thomas Wheeler at his farm on Crosby hill, three miles west of Franklinville; and a short time later fiercely attacked a son of the dead man who went in search of his father. The son battled with the animal with a pitchfork and only with great difficulty kept him at bay. Wheeler's body lay in the field where he met death for several hours, advices from a coroner being awaited, says the Salamanca Press.

—Three strange Italians from Bingham went to Mt. Alton on Saturday, where they were approached by two men named Kinney and Haley, who gave them fifty cents a piece with which to purchase liquor. After imbibing the liquor they got into a dispute and during the altercation, one of the Italians drew a revolver and hit Haley on the side of the head with it, another one drew a dirk. They then disappeared and Sheriff Bain being notified, went to Mt. Alton, but failed to apprehend them.

—Dr. Evan O. Burgess and Miss Olive Geist, of Girard, Pa., were married at Union City, Tuesday of last week, and went to the home of the former's father at Millvillage to spend their honeymoon. Members of the Oakley Camping club of Pittsburgh, seized the doctor, made him a prisoner and marched him into the woods near their camp. He was tied to a tree and held captive throughout the night. Next morning he was returned to his bride. Throughout the night his captors danced about him clad in pajamas.

—Clyde Hinton, a young man who is charged with a serious crime by Ellen Crouse, a 15-year-old girl, has been arrested and last evening was arraigned before Alderman Foley. He entered a plea of guilty and was held for court in the sum of $1,000 bail. He will be taken to Smethport this morning to await the next term of criminal court. Ellen Crouse, the plaintiff, recently received some publicity by disappearing from her home near Sugar Run. She was traced to Bradford and later located at Custer City, where she was given employment.—Saturday's Bradford Era.

—Pickpockets working in the crowd at Galeton last Thursday afternoon to witness the parade of the Seven County Volunteer Firemen's association, made large hauls. Only one arrest was made, that of a man taken from the special train at Davis, Pa., by a constable when detected in the act of picking the pocket of an Addison business man. The arrested refused to give his name. He is lodged in jail at Wellsboro. A farmer named Stocum, residing near Coudersport, reported to the police that he had been robbed of $250 soon after reaching town. Many other cases in which the losses were smaller were reported.

—Mrs. John Chadwick had the misfortune to fall at the home of B. D. Colegrove last Saturday evening and sprained her ankle. She and her husband have rooms in the Colegrove house, and Mrs. Chadwick was going down the steps to the garden when the accident occurred. She is confined to her room.

—The Farm and Fireside is responsible for the following: A new champion cow has scored. The greatest cow in the world is owned by Dan Dimmick & Co., of East Clairdon, O. She gave in a year 27,404.4 pounds of milk, which contained 1,058.34 pounds of butter fat. This is equal to over 1,300 pounds of butter. Four good dairy cows, as cows go, would not have done better. And she ate no more than a poor cow would have eaten. Her name is Banostine Belle de Kol, but she isn't to blame for that. The name comes from the idiocy of the Holstein-Friesan breeders' custom of hitching the city directory of some town in Friesian to the tail of every fine cow.

—Yesterday's Bradford Era says: Yesterday morning there arrived in Bradford a woman who told the police that she was searching for a daughter, whom she claims was spirited away from her when the child was three years of age. She claims that for the past 27 years she has persistently sought her daughter and that she felt sure that the young woman was somewhere in the vicinity of Bradford. Late yesterday afternoon she went to Custer City and will also visit Song Bird. She is in possession of a photograph of the girl's uncle, who reared her from childhood. The woman claims that her husband, after forsaking her, contracted another marriage and is now living near Washington, Pa.

—Patrick Marley, of 74 State street, was robbed of $75 last night. Marley is a conductor on the traction line last night when he retired, he had $75 in currency in his trousers' pocket. Before retiring the conductor made up his day's reports and placed the papers and about $50 in cash belonging to the company in an envelope. This was laid upon a dresser in his sleeping room. When he awoke this morning Marley found that the $75 had been stolen, but the money belonging to the traction company was still safe in the envelope. Mr. Marley's family was not at home and he heard nothing during the night that would indicate the presence of intruders in the house. A window in the rear of the dwelling was raised and formed means of ingress and exit for the burglar.—Tuesday's Star-Record.

—Bear hunting will be good in Pennsylvania this fall, as, judging from reports made to the State Game Commission's men, bruin is not only abundant; but in some of the northern counties comes pretty near to being a nuisance. The appearance of specimens is reported from many camps this summer, including those on State forest reserves. The bear season will not open until October 1 and the law permits the killing of an unlimited number of the animals by hunters, and farmers and woodsmen probably will bag many through traps, although the use of steel traps is now prohibited. Bears have been reported in many of the central Pennsylvania counties the last few years, some being seen within a short distance of Harrisburg, and in mountain communities the farmers have been bothered by the depredations of bears close to barnyards and in gardens.

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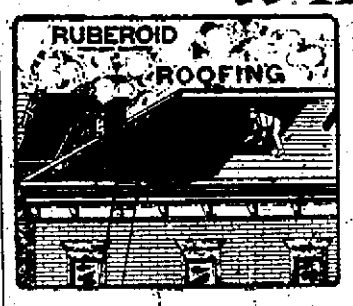

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The Scrap Book

Maria Mitchell and the Beer Man.

Maria Mitchell, the famous astronomer, was once directed by her physician to use lager beer as a tonic. On the way to visit her sister, Mrs. Joshua Kendall of Cambridge, Mass., she stopped at a saloon and purchased a bottle of beer and afterward asked her brother-in-law to open it for her. The Mitchell family spoke among themselves after the Quaker custom.

"Where did thee get this bottle, Maria?" questioned her sister.

"At the saloon on the corner," replied Miss Mitchell serenely.

"Why, Maria! Doesn't thee know respectable women don't go into such places?"

"Oh," said Miss Mitchell in the manner of one who has done all that could be required, "I told the man after I bought it that he ought to be thoroughly ashamed of his traffic."

Equality.

Come, give me your hand, sir, my friend and my brother,
If honest, why, sure, that's enough!
One hand, if it's true, is as good as another,
No matter how brawny or rough.

Though it toil for a living at hedges or ditches
Or make for its owner a name
Or fold in its grasp all the dainties of riches,
If honest, I love it the same.

Not less in the sight of his heavenly Maker
Is he who must toil for his bread,
Not more in the sight of the mute undertaker
Is majesty shrouded and dead.

Let none of us jeeringly scoff at his neighbor
Or mock at his lowly birth.
We are all of us God's. Let us earnestly labor
To better this suffering earth.
—Matthias Barr.

The Raw Recruit.

F. M. King enlisted in the Spanish-American war and was sent to Jefferson Barracks. He was strolling through the company streets smoking a cigar when an officer approached. King saluted.

"Look here," said the officer, "don't you know better than to salute an officer when you have a cigar in your mouth? How long have you been here?"

"Three days," replied King.

"You are excused this time," said the officer, "but don't let me catch you doing that again."

In a short time King met the same officer and walked by without saluting.

"Why didn't you salute?" demanded the officer, stopping him.

"Well, you just told me not to salute when I had a cigar in my mouth," replied the raw recruit.

But he spent three days in the kitchen peeling potatoes for this offense.—Atchison Champion.

A Losing Dream.

"I made a nice idjot of myself the other morning," said the commuter, who is paying teller in a savings bank. "My wife was afraid I'd miss my train, and she got me by the shoulder and shook me, telling me that it was time to get up. I got about half awake, and somehow I thought I was at my window in the bank, with a long line of women awaiting their turn. The one at the window was handing me a check, and from force of habit I said:

"'How much money do you want?'

"You know, most women who present checks want to draw some and deposit the rest. Well, what do you think the wife did? Quick as a flash came her answer to my dopy question:

"'Five dollars will do.'

"She got it, but I hope I won't dream any more."—New York Post.

A Lost Play.

Weedon Grossmith, the English comedian, used to tell a good story about a play by Robert Ganthony, which that gentleman asked him to read. Mr. Grossmith took the comedy, but lost it on his way home. "Night after night," he says, "I would meet Ganthony, and he would ask me how I liked his play. It was awful. The perspiration used to come out on my forehead as I'd say sometimes, 'I haven't had time to look at it yet,' or, again, 'The first act was good, but I can't stop to explain, etc., must catch a train.' That play was the bane of my existence and haunted even my dreams." Some months passed, and Ganthony, a merry wag, still pursued him without mercy. At last it occurred to Mr. Grossmith that he might have left the comedy in the cab on the night it was given to him. He went down to Scotland Yard and inquired. "Oh, yes!" was the reply. "Play marked with Mr. Ganthony's name sent back to the owner four months ago, as soon as found."

The Old Days.

Some years ago—it was in the good old days—a Pittsburgh worker went to Harrisburg and asked for a job as doorfender.

"I don't want much," he said, "but I need this job."

The party boss agreed that he was entitled to some consideration.

"Find a door without a doortender and you can have it," were the big man's instructions.

The worker looked around for several days and then reported.

"I can't find a door without plenty of doortenders."

"No, no door?"

"Nary door. Guess I'll go home."

"Wait a bit," said the boss. "You have been a good party worker. I'll have a door cut for you."—Pittsburgh Post.

HINTS FOR THE BUSY HOUSEWIFE

Combination Butter Dish and Ornamental Mold.

An ingenious butter dish, which serves as a mold for the butter as well as in the capacity of a retainer, is being manufactured in France. The dish is made in two parts, the upper one telescoping into the lower. Butter is placed in the lower dish, and the upper, which is perforated, is placed over it, and when it is forced downward into the lower dish the butter is forced upward through the perforations in forms.

German Apple Cup.

Select fine grained apples, one for each service; core and pare, leaving on a section of the skin in the shape of a ring near one end of the apples. Cut heart stalks of celery very fine, but do not chop. Mix the celery with mayonnaise dressing, to which half the bulk of whipped cream has been added. Add also more salt and pepper. Use this mixture to fill the hollow centers of the apples, mounding it up above the apple a little. In the center of the mixture in each apple set a tiny heart leaf of lettuce. Place the apples on lettuce leaves and serve at once. The ring of apple skin gives a little color to the dish. The end of the apple on which it is left should be upward. If the apples must stand after paring rub over the exposed surfaces very lightly with the cut side of a lemon. This will prevent discoloration.

Cream Fish Chowder.

Put a fish weighing about three or four pounds into a wire basket. Set in the kettle with about three quarts of boiling water. Salt to taste. Cook about fifteen minutes, or until done without breaking. Have ready as many potatoes as you wish, with two onions. Pie onions cut very fine. Take out the basket, turn the fish out on a platter to cool and put potatoes and onions in the fish water. Cook until done. When done thicken. Pour into a tureen, with a tablespoonful of butter, one cupful of milk and a few crackers. Remove skin and bones from the fish, being careful not to break in small pieces. Put the pieces of fish in the tureen. The heat from the chowder will warm the fish enough.

To Restore Velvet.

Velvet when creased may be restored by steaming and pressing. To steam place a damp muslin cloth over the underside of a hot iron which has been turned with the flat side up. Hold the velvet with both hands and draw it gently over the wet cloth, allowing the steam to pass through the velvet. As the muslin dries put another wet portion over the iron and continue drawing the velvet over until all the pile is freshly raised. Do not touch the surface of the velvet until quite dry, when it should look like new.

To Cook Cabbage.

Have plenty of salted boiling water in which a teaspoonful of soda has been dissolved. Plunge the cabbage in, top downward, leave it uncovered and let it boil until tender. That will be from twenty minutes to half an hour. Take it out into a colander, drain well, put into a hot dish, add lots of butter, some salt and pepper and serve at once. It will be as delicate as cauliflower and the color be retained.

Pineapple Peel Juice.

Cut the peel of the pineapple into small pieces. Weigh and take same quantity of sugar. Make a strup of one cupful of water to each pound of sugar, then add pineapple to strup. Boil fifteen minutes, slow, steady boiling. Let stand overnight, then strain and squeeze in cheesecloth. Bottle and put on ice or in a cool place. This makes a fine pudding sauce and is delicious on boiled rice.

Sour Milk Biscuits.

Rub a spoonful of butter into one quart of flour, wet up with one quart of sour milk into which you have previously stirred one teaspoonful of saleratus which has been dissolved in a little hot water. Use as much more flour as you find necessary to make the dough stiff enough to roll out to one inch thick. Cut out as usual and bake in quick oven.

Duchess Potatoes.

To two cupfuls of potatoes add one teaspoonful of melted butter. Beat until light and smooth, then add six tablespoonfuls of milk or cream and the yolks of two eggs well beaten. When well mixed and seasoned with salt and pepper add the beaten whites. Put not pans and brown.

For Fishbone In Throat.

To remove a fishbone from the throat cut a lemon in halves and suck the juice slowly. This will dissolve the fishbone and give instant relief.

MIDSUMMER FROCK.

The Dolly Varden Garden Party Costume.

FOULARD DRESS IN PINK AND WHITE.

Charming are the midsummer frocks in Dolly Varden style. This one of figured foulard in pink and white pattern opens over a chiffon petticoat, on which are pink satin buttons.

The skirt flounce and trimming touches are also of pink satin.

For the Tailor Made Hat.

The hat of tailor made persuasion which is so useful an adjunct of the tailor made suit may be altered in various ways by being provided with several chances of trimming. A novel notion that has occurred to a girl with good ideas can be turned to account. When a new crown band, ribbon or bow is added to the hat a necktie to match it in color should be chosen. In this way a dark suit may be given a touch of brilliance which will add greatly to its appearance.

Supposing a band of cord and beads be added to the hat, then the soft white collar may be fixed together in front by an ornament, made on a safety pin, of beads and cord to match the band.

Another day a band of colored velvet ribbon with donkey ear bows at the sides will diversify the appearance of the hat, and then the collar will be finished with a large bow to match, fastened upon the blouse with fancy pins.

One of the prettiest trimmings for the tailor made hat on a fine day is a closely plaited frill of cream colored lace, with a frill to match worn upon the blouse. Strictly speaking, such a hat is not, of course, entitled to the name of tailor made. It is the "betwixt and between" hat that is particularly useful at this season of the year. Neither too severe nor too dressy, made of honey colored straw with posy rings at the sides, from which spring taffeta "wings," such a hat is extremely becoming.

Women as Inventors.

The Scientific American proves that most of the articles invented by women have to do with farming and farming apparatus.

The first patent granted to a woman was for a process of straw and silk weaving, invented by Mary Kies.

The second was to Mary Brush for a corset and the third to Sophie Usher for a toilet lotion made of cream of tartar and violet water.

Then came Phoebe Collier with an invention for sawing wheel felloes, and Miss Buckley invented a new way to make a sheet iron shovel.

Recently a combined toaster and warming pan was invented by Agnes Phelps of Chicago, with Florence King as her attorney and two women witnesses.

Altogether only a little more than 8,000 patents have been granted to women, while men have nearly 1,000,000 to their credit.

Dad Has a Word to Say.

The daughters of an east end household, ardent suffragists, were talking politics.

"Taft will sweep the country," declared Mabel.

"Wilson will sweep the country," asserted Maud.

"Roosevelt will sweep the country," averred Mehitable.

At this point dad took a hand.

"Never mind about who's going to sweep the country," said he. "Who's going to sweep this here kitchen? That's the question now."—Pittsburgh Post.

Buttonholes of Wool.

A good deal of time and labor can be saved by doing all the buttonholes on men's flannel shirts and on children's woolen frocks that have to be washed with wool thread the color of the material.

Buttonholes worked in cotton often stretch and fray out in the washing, but woolen ones keep their shape and even if they shrink can easily be stretched enough to fit the button.

Points for Mothers

Comfort For Stay at Home Mothers.

"We are staying home this summer," said the young mother, "as we do not think the baby old enough to be taken out of its usual environment, and we would not go without him." There are no doubt thousands of young mothers and fathers doing the same thing. They realize that there are a certain number of years of their lives that they must give to the children and that they must put aside their own comfort in order to do it. Mothers don't break down when they are doing this sort of work as a general thing and should try to live as calmly and comfortably as possible under the circumstances. It is always with relief that one hears the young mother say "we" are staying at home, for the father owes it to his child as much as the mother to be near it during the critical months of babyhood. Together they can most certainly do better for the child than either one could alone, and along with the cares of motherhood should go hand in hand the responsibilities of fatherhood. The child who is only mothered loses much in its life, for the father's influence is often sane where motherhood is only sweet. The well brought up child must have the father's help as well as the mother's through every step of his life, and he generally gets it in America, whatever may be said of the better training for parenthood in other countries. The father has a double duty to perform, for while he looks out for his child he must also see that the mother keeps herself in condition. An irritable mother will very likely have the same kind of child. She may not be at all at fault, having been rendered physically incapable of caring properly for her child by worries of one kind or another. So the young husband must see that she is amused if necessary, that she has nourishing food and that she is not unduly worried by all the business troubles of the family. That precious baby does not realize all the sacrifices that are made for him, and he never will be aware of them until he, too, stands with a child of his own in his arms and the pride of fatherhood in his eyes.

Educating the Children.

The bishop of London once said: "I am convinced that the upliftting of the morality of our people lies above all and everything else in educating our children rationally and morally. I believe that more evil has been done by the squeamishness of parents who are afraid to instruct their children in the vital facts of life than by all the other agencies of vice put together."

Of this same phase of education Dr. Rosalie Slaughter Morton of New York says:

"The classes in social settlements are doing a tremendous work in giving both boys and girls many impersonal, wholesome interests, and in each of these settlements there should be classes for fathers and mothers, where the sex question is taken up frankly."

Week End Gifts.

The house party guest who cannot think of a suitable gift for a family of children should look over an assortment of boxes filled with all sorts of indoor and outdoor games for boys and girls and selling at the smallest prices. A box, for example, containing two little tennis rackets with balls and a jumping rope is 25 cents, and for a larger child a box with two rackets and balls is 50 cents or $1. A box of battledore and shuttlecock is 50 cents or in larger size $1. A special outfit for little girls includes a battledore set, a catchball and a jumping rope, all with white and gold handles. It is 75 cents. A catchball with a trumpet end that issues a startling blast is 15 cents.

"Seeing Things at Night."

If mothers notice that the brains of their little ones conjure up uncanny sights and thoughts from the shadows of a room more or less dark let the light burn brightly. To force a child to become accustomed to the darkness is a grave error if its nervous system is so organized that this forcing is productive of a fright.

The nervous system of a child is a very susceptible organization, and the deleterious impressions made upon it will often make their influence felt throughout its whole after life. If the child asks for a light under such circumstances do not refuse it.

A Birthday Ring From Germany.

A newly imported novelty from Germany is a wooden birthday cake ring brightly painted in a manner to appeal to children and pierced with holes, in which the birthday candles are to be set. As the holes are many, it is possible to have as many candles as are necessary, even when the children of a family are grown up. The ring of wood is only about an inch thick, and it is intended that the cake be set inside this rim.

Castor Oil.

To the mothers who find it hard to give the little ones castor oil make ginger cookies and add a little more sugar than the recipe calls for, and to a common sized batch add two tablespoonfuls of castor oil and keep the secret to yourself. Frost the top and let the ones who are ailing eat of them and see how well this remedy works.

HOW THE EARTH DRIED.

And Why the Drying Up Process Is Constantly Going On.

When water is decomposed by radium or by ultra violet rays it produces hydrogen and peroxide of hydrogen, and it does not form oxygen. Electrolytic decomposition forms oxygen.

A German investigator bases a new theory relating to the drying of the earth on the fact that one form of decomposition produces oxygen, while the other form does not. Part of the water vapor emitted by the seas is decomposed by the ultra violet rays of the sun. The hydrogen formed rises toward the high atmospheric strata, and all the water does not return to the surface. Therefore the quantity of water on the face of the globe is always diminishing, and the earth is incessantly, if gradually, drying.

To cite one example: On the north side of the Alps occur a continual falling off in the depth of the lakes and a gradual formation of swamps. Two hundred and fifty years ago there were 140 lakes in the canton of Zurich. Today there are seventy-six. The destruction of the forests and the cultivation of the land partially explain this, but the loss of hydrogen is an important factor. The hydrogen accumulated in the higher atmosphere is diffused in interstellar space.—Harper's Weekly.

REPORTED THE WEDDING.

The Dramatic Critic Got the Job and Did the Best He Could.

In the absence of the regular society reporter the dramatic critic of the Daily Doings was detailed to cover a wedding. "I'll do the best I can," he said, "but I feel sure I shall make a mess of it."

This is what he turned in, omitting the preliminary remarks about the size of the house and the delay in beginning the performance:

"Mr. Barker, in the role of the bridegroom, acted the part in a stiff yet listless manner. He has a good stage presence, but mars the effect by a total lack of animation and an almost inaudible voice. Miss Perkins, as the bride, was much more effective. Her costume was bewildering, yet true to life. If one may venture to criticise, her effort to overcome her obvious stage fright was a trifle too evident. She was in good voice, however, and her enunciation was clear and distinct.

"It must be pointed out that both Miss Perkins and Mr. Barker were deficient in their lines and had to be prompted almost constantly by the Rev. Henry Harper, who, as the officiating clergyman, was decidedly the star of the performance."—New York Press.

Homesickness Spoils Photographs.

Aunt Maria thought, and so did her New York relatives, that the photographer was unpardonably discourteous. For three successive days he refused to take Aunt Maria's photograph. On the fourth day he told why.

"In justice to her," he said, "I do not want to take her picture now. She is too homesick. Most out of town people want to be photographed while in New York. If they are longing for home I put them off with one excuse or another until the homesickness wears off.

"If you want your aunt's pictures to turn out well just hunt up some one from her home town who happens to be visiting in New York at present and bring him here so she will meet him unexpectedly. The meeting will put sparkle and animation into her face, and neither she nor I will be disappointed with the photographs."—New York Times.

A Hard Road to Travel.

To add to Bunkerton's discomfiture in losing his way, he had now been brought to a standstill by the absolute impassability of the highway, and his temper, already sorely tried, finally gave way.

"What kind of people are you up here in this rotten old state?" he cried, addressing an old countryman who stood close by inspecting his stranded car with curious eyes.

"I dunno," said the old man. "Baout the same ez most folks, I cal'late."

"Do you call this scar on the face of nature a road?" roared Bunkerton.

"Not ez I knows on," returned the old man. "This here hain't the pike; it's Mose Whibley's trnout stream run dry. I wondered what ye was drivin' up it fer."—Harper's Weekly.

Child Love.

Welcome to the parents the puny struggler, strong in his weakness, his little arms more irresistible than the soldier's, his lips touched with persuasion which Chatham and Pericles in manhood had not. His unaffected lamentations when he lifts up his voice on high, or, more beautiful, the sobbing child, the face all liquid grief, as he tries to swallow his vexation, soften all hearts to pity and to mirthful and clamorous compassion.—Emerson.

Cold Wave.

Nellie—They say mustaches are coming back. Mamie—Do you care? Nellie—Certainly. I think most men look much more handsome and knightly with them. Mamie—Well, of course, I suppose you know. I was too young to take notice when they went out of style.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Self Accused.

"Do you remember that $5 you borrowed of me a year ago?"

"I should say I did. I lent $1 of it to Brown, and the skunk hasn't paid me yet."—Boston Transcript.

Do not for one repulse forego the purpose that you resolve to effect.—Shakespeare.

DANGERS OF COCAINE.

Effects of the Constant Use of This Powerful Stimulant.

The most harmful of all habit forming drugs is cocaine. Nothing so quickly deteriorates its victim or provides so short a cut to the insane asylum. It differs from opium in two important ways. A man does not acquire a habit from cocaine in the sense that it is virtually impossible for him to leave it off without medical treatment. He can do so, although he rarely does. On withdrawal he experiences only an intense and horrible depression, together with a physical languor which results in a sleepiness that cannot be shaken off.

Opium withdrawal, on the other hand, results in sleeplessness and extreme nervous and physical disorder. In action, too, cocaine is exactly the opposite of opium, for cocaine is an extreme stimulant. Its stimulus wears off quickly and leaves a corresponding depression, but it confers half an hour of capability of intense effort. That is why bicycle riders, prizefighters and race horses are often doctored or "doped" with cocaine.

When cocaine gives out its victim invariably resorts to alcohol for stimulus. Alcoholics, however, when deprived of alcohol generally drift into the use of morphine.—Charles B. Towns in Century.

HIS MISSING ENVELOPE.

He Learned Where It Was and a Lesson at the Same Time.

This happened in a crowded subway express train the other night.

An old man boarded the train at the Fourteenth street station and clung to a strap in front of a young woman who was seated. As none of the men showed a disposition to let the old man sit down, the young woman arose and offered her seat to him.

Before he could sit down a younger man slid into the vacant seat. The young woman was confused, but only for a minute. She leaned down slightly and said to the man in the seat:

"You dropped an envelope on the platform, sir."

The man jumped up and elbowed his way to the platform. Half a minute's search failed to reveal the supposed envelope. The man returned to where the young woman was standing and said:

"Say, lady, where is that envelope? I can't find it out there."

"That envelope," replied the young woman, "is in the same place your manners are."

The young man understood and faded from view. The old man got the seat, while the people in the vicinity looked, listened and laughed.—New York Sun.

A Dark Dungeon.

About the middle of February, 1862, while in winter quarters, General Negley of Pennsylvania, who was a strict disciplinarian, was in command of the First brigade, of which the Second New Hampshire was a part. He thought the guardhouse of the Second regiment too comfortable quarters for prisoners and ordered Colonel Marston, who later won fame as a soldier, lawyer and statesman, to build a dungeon without so much as a crack or opening anywhere, so that it should be perfectly dark. The dungeon was built with four solid walls, and one day General Negley came over to inspect it. He was accompanied by Colonel Marston. "Where is the entrance," said the general, "and how do you get anybody into it?" "Oh," said Colonel Marston, "that is not my lookout. I simply obeyed your orders."

Why the Deaf Are Grateful.

A pleasant contrast to the sad fate of Beethoven is furnished by Dr. Thirlwall, the radical bishop of St. David's, who wrote the history of Greece that held the field before the arrival of Grote. In his old age he became stone deaf, but, so far from fretting, declared that the infirmity was really a blessing, because it relieved him from the futile conversation of bores. One day a friend, forgetting the bishop's deafness, greeted him with the usual remark about the weather. "Eh?" queried the bishop. "It is a fine day!" bellowed the friend repeatedly into the prelate's ear. When Thirlwall finally grasped the meaning of the remark he quietly philosophized: "Dear me! How little a man loses by being deaf!"—London Chronicle.

Fully Explained.

"What is Boston coffee?" asked the customer at the lunch counter.

"It's the kind you put the cream in first," answered the waiter girl.

"But why is it called Boston coffee?"

"Because the cream is put in first."

"Yes, I know. But when a man orders Boston coffee why do you put the cream in first? That's the question."

"Because he orders Boston coffee. Anything else you wish to know, sir?"—Woman's Home Companion.

A Convincing Demonstration.

"Now, Mr. Freshe," said the professor, "can you demonstrate that X equals 0?"

"Sure," said Mr. Freshe. "I write home asking the governor for an X and get nothing—Q. E. D."

"Excellent," returned the professor. "I'll give you the same for your mark."—Harper's.

First One Error Score.

Baseball Captain—You shouldn't be so hard on the boys. They played very well. The game was lost through just one error. Manager—Yes; so was paradise.—Boston Transcript.

For they can conquer who believe they can.—Vergil.

FOUGHT A PYTHON

Fearful Plight of a Man Trapped In the Big Snake's Den.

EXCITING BATTLE FOR LIFE.

Plucky and Successful Struggle to Escape the Embrace of the Writhing Monster, Which Would Have Crushed Its Victim Like an Eggshell.

Few men after having been roughly squeezed by a python have lived to tell of their sensations while in the embrace of the big snake. An Englishman employed in the London zoological gardens was, however, one of the fortunate few.

The Britisher while in Antwerp visited the Jardin Zoologique, where he observed that a big python—a female about fourteen feet in length—was suffering from caries of the jaw, with ulceration of the mucous membrane, a condition often fatal to snakes in confinement.

Having pointed this out to the resident director, the Englishman obtained permission to make trial of an ointment that he had found efficacious in the early stage of the disease among his own snakes.

Now, as ill luck would have it, the regular keeper was absent on this particular occasion, and his place was filled for the time by another from some other department of the institution. This man spoke nothing but Flemish, a tongue of which the Briton was ignorant.

The Englishman went into the python's den with this attendant, taking it for granted, of course, that the man was accustomed to snakes and handing him the box of ointment to hold until the Briton should be ready to use it.

When the Englishman had brought the python fairly down to the floor he gripped her hard by the neck, which action had the effect, as he intended it to have and which it always has with snakes, of making her open her mouth. While holding her thus he pressed her head away from him at the same time to prevent her catching hold of any portion of his clothing in her efforts to overcome him.

In her fright and rage she drew her body up across the Britisher's back and twisted her tail round and round his other arm. All that the Englishman now required of the keeper was, by teasing or pinching her here and there or by unwinding the tail when necessary, to cause her to shift her coils constantly and prevent her resting long enough on one spot to apply undue pressure.

The Englishman turned to make a sign to the Fleming to be ready to hand him the ointment. To the foreigner's dismay the Fleming's face, with a sort of full, impartial interest, looked at him through the glass in front, the door closed on the outside! He had become frightened by the python and had quietly departed.

At the same instant that the Britisher turned the serpent tightened on him so suddenly and violently that he momentarily lost consciousness. Then he found himself staggering about the den fighting for life. He expected his ribs to give way every moment, yet his chief fear at the time was of falling through the glass.

He pushed the reptile's head away from him with all his strength lest it should cross his breast, and he can remember catching sight of himself, a mulberry colored figure, in the mirror. All the time that he fought he knew that he was trampling over the other pythons, who, furious at the disturbance, were now darting about the den, above and all around him in every direction.

The Britisher exerted every energy to keep his feet, for he had retained sufficient presence of mind to realize that were he to go down all would be over with him. The heat was stifling. He felt that he could endure it no longer. The cage spun madly round before his eyes, and he let go the snake's head.

The big serpent now twisted sharply over his right shoulder close to his face and slid off to the ground.

The Englishman remembers falling against the door with outstretched hands, but nothing more until he found himself sitting on the steps outside coughing violently, while the phlegmatic keeper was for some occult reason putting a hot key down his back.

Fortunately the snake had only a small part of her body across the Englishman's left side and back. Had she encircled him with a complete coil he would have been crushed like an eggshell.—Harper's Weekly.

Dieting the Seals.

"Why have the seals been put on reduced rations?" was the first question put by the new assistant at the aquarium.

"To keep them from getting too fat," he was told. "Of all specimens in the aquarium none takes on flesh so rapidly as the seals. If their diet was not cut down when signs of obesity appear they would soon get so fat that they couldn't swim."—New York Times.

Home of Wisdom.

"I was just thinking about Diogenes."

"What of him?"

"I wonder if he really delivered his words of wisdom from a tub."

"Why not? It was probably a tub of axle grease setting on the front porch of some Athenian grocery."—Kansas City Journal.

Education is an ornament in prosperity and a refuge in adversity.—Aristotle.

What Is a Fireproof Building?

Nearly all modern industrial enterprises are housed in buildings that are to some extent fireproof. The question may reasonably be asked, What constitutes a fireproof building? Nothing is more fireproof than a furnace, and yet the decomposition of its contents by fire is its chief use. Buildings must therefore not only be made of non-inflammable material, but they must be so arranged that fire when started can be confined to one room or to the smallest possible space. With this object in view they should be equipped with self closing metal doors and windows with wire glass or metal shutters. They should have automatic fire alarms and, above all, an adequate sprinkler system. Steel framing must be inclosed and protected with some material, such as brick, tile, terra cotta or concrete. Under these conditions, with insurance on the contents, a manufacturing enterprise is reasonably safe.—Engineering Magazine.

Old Time Toasts.

Toasts are now rarely proposed except at public dinners, but there was a time when they were the order of the day at every convivial gathering. The compiler of a book published in 1707, "The Toastmaster," remarks in his preface that "it is the custom in most societies, whether public or private, for the president to call on the company in their turn for a toast. Individuals are consequently often at a loss. This collection of genteel sentiments and toasts will supply their deficiency, as it contains a larger number than ever was before published, the greater part of which are spirited and new." The genteel toasts range from the righteous, such as "May contemplation upon our last resting place check vain hopes and prevent weak despondency," to the frivolous, such as "Lots of beef, oceans of beer, a pretty girl and a thousand a year."—London Chronicle.

Cut the Ship In Two.

"I was a passenger on one of the old fashioned sailing steamers going from London to Australia in 1888," said a traveler. "In the Red sea we ran plump into a vessel, and our boat cut it entirely in two, so neatly that it might almost have been done with a huge knife. We went clean through her, and the men on the vessel struck stepped from the two halves of that ship on to our deck. The injured vessel went down within a few minutes after it had been struck. The thing was so strange that when the captain of the vessel we had struck went back to London an investigation was held, and it was substantially proved that the officers had with design got in the immediate track of our vessel in order to bring about a collision in the hope that they could collect insurance money. The captain and some of the officers were punished by imprisonment."

Dumas' Chicken on the String.

Amusing reminiscences of the elder Dumas have been supplied by his cook, Mme. Colin. Dumas' most famous recipe was "poulet a la ficelle" (chicken on the string). The plucked bird is suspended by a string from the ceiling and turned slowly before the fire. The flames, just touching it, brown it slowly. It took time, says the cook, but made a tasty dish.

"Dumas lived a higgledy piggledy life," said Mme. Colin. "He kept open house and always had at least fifteen people to dinner. But he lived from hand to mouth, and at times a sheet served as a tablecloth. After his receptions he sometimes worked all night. Such a muddle displeased me, especially as his guests were bohemians. So I left after six months of it."

A Good Reason.

Two Irishmen were digging a sewer. One of them was a big, strong man about six feet four inches in height, and the other one was a little, puny man about four feet six inches. The foreman came along to see how the work was progressing and noticed that one of them was doing more work than the other. "Look here," he cried, "how is it that little Dennis Dugan, who is only half your size, is doing nearly twice as much work as you, Patrick?" Glancing down to his partner, Pat replied: "And why shouldn't he? Ain't he nearer to it?"

Double Meaning.

"Umbrellas Recovered," was a sign that attracted our attention the other day, but only for a minute. We shook our heads sadly and walked on. It would take a whole galaxy of clairvoyants and a large squad of detectives to get back a few of our lost ones.—Boston News Letter.

Hopes He Can't.

"I don't like that new neighbor of yours," said the grocer.

"Why not?" asked the old time customer.

"He always seems surprised when I tell him I can change a ten dollar bill."—Detroit Free Press.

Wanted More Light.

A dealer was explaining to a prospective woman purchaser the propelling mechanism of a bicycle.

"I understand that perfectly," she said at last. "Now what makes the front wheel go round?"—Everybody's Magazine.

Another Idol Shattered.

It is nonsense to say "Laugh and the world laughs with you." The laughing hyena is always laughing, but the world does not laugh with it.—Salt Lake News.

Act in the valley so that you need not fear those who stand on the hill.—From the Danish.

Infections of Long Life.

It seems to be generally agreed that every person affords physical indications of his prospects of a long or short life. A long lived person, it is said, may be distinguished at sight from a short lived one. In many cases a physician can glance at the hand of a patient and determine whether he will live or not. The primary conditions of longevity are that the heart, lungs and digestive organs, as well as the brain, shall be large. If these organs are large the trunk will be long and the limbs comparatively short. The person will appear tall while sitting and short while standing. The hand will have a long and somewhat heavy palm, with short fingers. The brain will be deeply placed, as shown by the low position of the orifice of the ear. The blue, brown or hazel eye is a favorable indication. The nostrils, if large, open and free, indicate large lungs. A pinched and half closed nostril indicates small or weak lungs. These are general points of distinction, but are, of course, subject to the usual individual exceptions.—Exchange.

Feeling the Dogs.

In the highlands of Scotland it used to be the practice for each shepherd to take his collie dog to church.

"These dogs," as Dean Ramsay wrote, "sit out the Gaelic services and sermon with commendable patience till toward the end of the last psalm, when there is a universal stretching and yawning and all are prepared to scamper out, barking in a most excited manner, whenever the blessing is commenced. The congregation of one of these churches determined that the service should close in a more decorous manner, and steps were taken to attain this object. Accordingly when a strange clergyman was officiating he found the people all sitting when he was about to pronounce the blessing. He hesitated and paused, expecting them to rise, till an old shepherd, looking up to the pulpit, said:

"'Say awn, sir. We're a-sittin' to cheat the dowgs.'"

Thames Watermen.

The watermen and lightermen of London can trace their occupation back to a very remote past. In a statute of Henry VIII., passed in 1514, for regulating their fares, it is recorded "that it has been a laudable custome and usage tyme out of mind to use the river in barge or wherry bote." And the annals of the Watermen's company give an interesting account of a dispute as far back as 1293 concerning the charge for the conveyance of passengers from Gravesend to London. The regular fare was one-half penny for each person, but some unscrupulous boatmen charged passengers a penny. So the offenders were taken by the sheriff before the justices of assize, who admonished them and made each waterman give a bond of 40 shillings for future good behavior.—London Graphic.

The Supreme Court.

For the supreme court of the United States there is no exact precedent, either in the ancient or the modern times. In making the great constitution the "fathers" availed themselves of all past knowledge and experience, but it was probably from the French publicist Montesquieu that they got their idea of the supreme court. In his book, "The Spirit of the Laws," Montesquieu, after making a masterly analysis of all forms of government uses these words: "There is no liberty if the judicial power be not separated from the legislative and the executive." The framers of the constitution knew Montesquieu's book well, and there is not any room for doubt about their getting the idea of the supreme court from that source.—New York American.

Nature.

The best definition of nature is perhaps Mill's in his "Three Essays on Religion." In that work Mill says, "Nature is a collective name for all facts actual and possible, or a name for the mode, partly known to us and partly unknown, in which all things take place." Continuing, Mill says: "The nature of a thing means its entire capacity of existing phenomenal. As the nature of any given thing is the aggregate of its powers and properties, so Nature, in the abstract, is the aggregate of the powers and properties of all things."

Where He Balked.

"He has broken with her?"

"So I have heard."

"I hear that he told her he was unworthy of her."

"Pshaw; all lovers tell their sweethearts that!"

"I know. But she asked him to put it in writing and sign it in the presence of witnesses."—Atlanta Constitution.

Good Advice.

"The man I marry," she said, "must think I am the only girl in the world."

"Don't worry about that," her married friend replied. "He will think it all right. Just put in your time trying to find out how to make him keep on thinking it."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Not Serious.

"I don't care to be taken seriously in my business."

"What is your business?"

"I'm a joke writer."—Satire.

Yes.

The secret of success has been fairly well kept, considering that so many people are anxious to tell about it.—Puck.

The God who gave us life gave us liberty at the same time.—Jefferson.

Low Telephone Numbers in New York

"Such a small thing as a telephone number has some significance in the standing of a firm," remarked a man who had little else to do but talk and observe.

"How so?" asked the other.

"Take the low numbers—'Broad 1,' for instance—and, as a rule, it will be the number belonging to an old established firm, provided, of course, that firm has remained in one location. The firm now bearing the above number was in existence before telephones were in use at all, and in like manner it is possible to ascertain the old established business houses. If a firm moves, but remains in the same exchange, it has the privilege of retaining its original telephone number. Americans don't care much for age and long established anything, as a class, but there are many firms in this city that are proud of their telephone numbers in a system where the numbers run high up in the thousands."—New York Press.

Reversed His Decision.

"We once had a customer," said an undertaker, "who had lost his wife and who came to us to bury her, which we did. After the funeral he came back to us. He had selected the casket in which his wife was buried, and now he bought one just like it for himself. He was a man in health, with no prospect of death, so far as that was concerned, but he was greatly grieved and cast down over the death of his wife, and when he should die he wanted to be buried in a casket just like that in which we had buried her. So he bought this casket, and we held it for him.

"Something more than a year after he met another woman with whom he fell in love and whom he married, and after that we got a letter from him saying:

"'Sell my casket. I've no use for it now.'"—New York Sun.

Women's Love of Ugly Men.

The illustrious men in history who were distinguished as much for the fascination which they exercised over the fair sex as for their talents and ability were, as a rule, plain and insignificant in appearance. Julius Caesar was a very ill favored man, and yet when a mere stripling, before his fame in Rome, girls of his own age sighed for him and mature women longed for his love. Among the men of later times who were renowned in like manner were Sir Philip Sidney, plain almost to ugliness; Paul Scarron, the comic poet, a cripple; Voltaire, unmistakably ugly, and Rousseau, whose manners were awkward as his face was plain, while John Wilkes, who had the power to subjugate any woman who spoke to him for even five minutes, was admitted by his own showing to be the ugliest man in England in his time.

The Lure of Opiates.

"It is human nature to wish to ease pain and to stimulate ebbing vitality. There is no normal adult who, experiencing severe pain or sorrow or fatigue and thoroughly appreciating the immediate action of an easily accessible opiate, is not likely in a moment of least resistance to take it," says Charles B. Towns in the Century. "Every one who has become addicted to a drug has started out with small occasional doses, and no one has expected to fall a victim to the habit. Indeed, many have been totally unaware that the medicine they were taking contained any drug whatever. Thus, the danger being one that threatens us all, it is every man's business to insist that the entire handling and sale of the drug be under as careful supervision as possible."

Queen Elizabeth's Pedigree.

One of the most interesting curiosities at Hatfield is the pedigree of Elizabeth, which is to be seen in the gallery. Those intrusted to make out the document wisely discovered that her descent could be traced through every important person, and especially through every beautiful person, straight back to Adam and Eve. It is on record that the virgin queen highly commended the work.—London Standard.

The Purist.

"Now, Rastus," said the visitor at the southern hotel, "I want some coffee, corn cakes and two fresh eggs."

"Ah don't know about dem aigs, boss," said Rastus, shaking his head dubiously. "We have all we kin do keepin' our aigs fresh enough without havin' 'em too fresh, suh."—Harper's Weekly.

Ambition.

Ambition becomes displeasing when it is once satiated. There is a reaction, and as our spirit till our last sigh is always aiming toward some object it falls back on itself, having nothing else on which to rest, and, having reached the summit, it longs to descend.—Corneille.

Cruel.

"Now, I could be happy with a nice little flat," began Aramantha.

"Take me, Aramantha," said little Jinks.

"Oh, I don't mean a nice little flat of that kind," replied the heartless one.—Harper's Weekly.

His Belief.

"Does old Skinnim believe in his fellow man?"

"Yes—in his fellow man's infallible gullibility."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Described.

Hostess—Well, dear, and what sort of a time did you have? Lady (displaying torn dress)—Oh—er—ragtime!—London Opinion.

MAGIC OF WOODCRAFT.

Feats of Trailing the Result of Observation and Deduction.

The truth is that without a knowledge of woodcraft one would soon perish in the wilderness, and woodcraft is simply Sherlock Holmes' work applied to wild life, a matter of observation and deduction. If a man finds a lot of hair adhering to a trunk of a tree he knows it did not grow there, and he is safe in assuming that no man took the trouble to stick it there. Thus he arrives at the conclusion that some animal has been scratching itself on the tree.

But in order to tell what animal has been there he must be familiar with the hair belonging to all the inhabitants of that section. Not until then can he say that a deer, a moose, a puma or a wolf, as the case may be, rubbed its side against the tree trunk. Of course if there is snow upon the ground the tracks of the animal will aid him in identifying the creature.

Again, if the day is absolutely calm and the sun is shining and he notes that the dead leaves have been displaced and their damp sides turned uppermost or that the damp sides of the pebbles are exposed he reasons that they have recently been disturbed and concludes that some animal disturbed the leaves or pebbles.

In fact, all the apparently wonderful feats of trailing are based primarily upon a trained habit of observation.—Dan Beard in Leslie's.

AN ELEPHANT'S CHARGE.

The Way It Was Met by a Cool Headed and Nervy Hunter.

Dr. Dunbar-Brunton spent some years in Africa as a district medical officer. One of his most thrilling adventures was with a bull elephant. With a friend, who went off on another track, he had been following up the tracks of elephants all day without success, and just before sundown received word from his comrade that he was going back. Dr. Dunbar-Brunton decided to return also, but before starting on the homeward track sat down and lighted a pipe. He was smoking quietly when he heard the noise of his friend's beaters, and a native who carried a gun said, "Look!"

A great bull elephant was close upon them. Very quietly the doctor laid down his pipe and took his gun, while the natives scuttled up the trees in terror. The doctor took a quick shot, but just missed the elephant's brain pan. It threw up its trunk, opened its mouth, put its tusks forward and charged. A second shot struck in the shoulder, but did not check its onrush.

The doctor shot again when it was within a few paces, and, hurtling past him, it fell, with legs outstretched, with a bullet in its heart. The doctor turned to his pipe. It was still alight, and he finished his smoke, while the natives danced round the body of the elephant.—Chicago News.

Man Eating Sharks.

The sailor says that the most ferocious creature that swims in the sea is the shark. By that he does not mean every shark, but what is called the man eater, just as a certain species of tiger in India is called the man eater because it hunts human beings for its prey, preferring them to animals. The man eating shark is not the largest of this species of fish, but is noted for its strength, also the rapidity with which it swims. It goes through the water so rapidly that few fish exceed it in swiftness, and it is thus able to catch food of that kind. This is especially true in the waters—such as the Indian and south Atlantic oceans, the Pacific ocean and the waters tributary to them—that are deep enough for the shark to swim in.—Chambers' Journal.

Oddly Shaped Spiders.

The most peculiar spiders in the world as well as the largest ones inhabit the island of Sumatra. They are of all conceivable forms and colors, and some of them spin threads almost as large and strong as the grocer's twine. Some queerly shaped spiders have square bodies poised on long red legs, and others have crooked green and yellow legs, which support heart shaped bodies. One of the very oddest of the lot has a body that looks like that of a young turtle, the "shell" having round knobs and pear shaped projections all over it.

A Bad Recovery.

Scene: Registry office. Bridegroom (to registrar)—The first time I was married was in a church, the second time in a chapel, but I like this way best. It's so plain and simple, and I should come here if ever I got married again— (Catches sight of his bride and sees he has said the wrong thing) That is, my dear, if ever I have the—er—misfortune to get married again, of course.—London Punch.

A Dig at Dubbleigh.

Dubbleigh—Your little dog barked at me, but stopped when I looked him straight in the eye. Do you suppose he noticed my presence of mind? Miss Keen — Possibly. They say animals often see things that human beings cannot.—Boston Transcript.

The Value of Experience.

It is expedient to have an acquaintance with those who have looked into the world, who know men, understand business and can give you good intelligence and good advice when they are wanted.—Bishop Horne.

Benefit of the Doubt.

"His wife looks as if she had some secret sorrow."

"Yes, but don't blame him too hastily. Her shoes may be too tight."

Colored Preacher's Eulogy.

A negro minister was called on to preach the funeral sermon of a member of his race in a certain Mississippi town some years ago. The deceased was a general bad character and had been killed in a street brawl. In addition to his other derelictions he had incurred the enmity of the old minister. However, the old fellow, in a spirit of "Christian charity," as he expressed it, consented to "make a few remarks at de grave."

When the gathering assembled he arose and said:

"My breddern and sistern, I ain't er gwine to tell you dat Bill Jackson was a good nigger, 'ca'se he warn't. I ain't er gwine ter tell you dat he was er frien' er mine, neider, 'ca'se he warn't dat. I ain't er gwine ter lie about him jes' 'ca'se he's dead, but den I ain't er gwine ter say nothin' against him. I jes' wantes ter call yer 'tention to one thing. We has er been tole in de Good Book dat de mills uv de gods grinds slowly, but dey sho' does pulverize, an' Bill Jackson is er victim uv dem succumstances."—Los Angeles Times.

Laziness.

Persons may share the common complaint of laziness without any appreciation of how far it is responsible for the saddest cases of mental and moral disintegration. Laziness is really the key to a large share of what passes for lack of balance and perhaps for insanity. It takes hold in the schoolroom where pupils slight the work they most need because they like it least. Having shirked the studies which would have done most to balance their mentalities, they proceed to emphasize this lopsidedness by refraining from every line of endeavor which is not to their liking. They find a hundred excuses for doing so, but nearly always their excuses are not reasons. They do only what they like until finally they do not like doing that. Then they drift and regret that the ravens of today are not as active in their charities as in the days of Elijah.

Died Cheering the Kaiser.

The bravery displayed by the musicians on the Titanic and the similar exhibition on the English ship Birkenhead recalls also the patriotic conduct of the band on board the German gunboat Iltis, which went to the bottom of the Chinese sea on August 25, 1896. The scene was at that time described by one of the few survivors of the disaster, which claimed 118 of the Iltis' crew. He said that the men stood at parade, the band played "Heil Dir im Siegerkranz" with all the precision and force of which they were capable and swinging their caps, the officers and men went down cheering the kaiser.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

Miss Marion Young is visiting in Jamestown.

Andrew Hanley was a Smethport visitor Saturday.

Thos. H. Morrison had business in Bradford on Tuesday.

Col. Mellville Gillett is in Chicago on business this week.

Milo Ovlatt of Norwich was a visitor in town yesterday.

Miss Edna Neil of Bradford is visiting friends in town.

James McGowan returned Friday evening from Sugar Grove.

Sheriff M. C. Bain was in Kane on official business on Monday.

F. L. Holmes and Jas. A. McKean were Bradford visitors Tuesday.

Miss Byrdia McIntyre of Simpson is a guest of Mrs. W. B. Hopper.

Miss Grace Wilbur of Bradford is the guest of Mrs. T. H. Morrison.

Miss Flo McIntyre of Simpson was a guest of friends in town Tuesday.

Miss Rose Allen left Tuesday for a visit with relatives in Cleveland, O.

Mrs. Rose Carter of Buffalo was visiting friends in town the past week.

Miss Clyte Abbey has been the guest of friends in Penn Yan for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dunbar of Olean were Smethport visitors Tuesday.

Thomas Jerrett of Uniontown, Pa., was renewing friends in town last week.

E. E. Beckwith of Alfred, N. Y. was a pleasant caller at this office Saturday.

Miss Grossbeck of Olean was the guest of M. D. Shooke and family over Sunday.

Miss Bessie Dodge of Norwich is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Wilson.

Floyd Cosper spent Sunday in Wellsboro the guest of his brother, Merle Cosper.

Miss Myra Rice is spending a few weeks with her cousin, Mrs. Ada Clay, in Angola, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Fry and daughter, Helen, left Sunday for a trip to Buffalo and Erie.

Mrs. E. W. Lyon of Coudersport has been the guest of Mrs. E. R. Mayo for the past week.

Mrs. Howard Merrill of New York city is visiting her parents, Hon. and Mrs. Henry Hamlin.

Miss Bertha Johnson of Jamestown has been the guest of Mrs. Sam Bloomberg this week.

Creighton and Elvin Burlingame have left for Erie where they will be employed in the future.

Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Baker and children left Sunday for their home in Erie, in their touring car.

John Engstrom of Jamestown, N. Y., has been the guest of relatives in this place for the past week.

M. Cosgrove of New York city is visiting in town and was a pleasant caller at this office on Tuesday.

Miss Milroy of Randolph, N. Y., is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Milroy on Mechanic street.

The Misses Martha and Verna Cramer left Tuesday for two weeks at Beechwood, on Chautauqua Lake.

A. D. Gue and family of Pittsburgh, are visiting C. M. Colegrove. Mr. Gue is grand secretary of the P. H. C.

Miss Gertrude Wallace returned to her home in Port Allegany Saturday after a visit with Miss Rita Gorton.

Mrs. Ethel Glantz and son, Malcolm of Marion, Conn., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Strong the past week.

Miss Bessie Ottoson returned home Friday evening from a two weeks' visit with friends in Jamestown N. Y.

Mrs. Wallace of Port Allegany, was a guest of Mrs. Sheridan Gorton a few days last week, returning to her home Friday.

Mrs. C. H. Gleason and daughter, Miss Marjorie, left Tuesday for an extended visit with relatives in Wisconsin.

Miss Rita Gorton left yesterday for a ten days' visit with Miss Gertrude Wallace and other friends in Port Allegany.

William Olson, of the firm of Engstrom & Olson, will leave next Monday for a visit with relatives in Sweden.

Dr. and Mrs. J. V. McAlpin were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Redfield at Chautauqua from Saturday until yesterday.

Mrs. William O'Rielly has been in Bradford for the past week, called there by the illness and death of her father, John Zook.

Mr. and Mrs. William Larned and son, Samuel, of Syracuse, N. Y., are guests of their daughter and sister, Mrs. S. F. Redfield.

Mrs. W. I. Lewis, of New York, who has been visiting her brother, C. M. Colegrove, left for her country home at Coudersport Tuesday.

Miss Ina Milroy who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Frost in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, for the past two weeks, has returned home.

Guy B. Mayo returned home Saturday from Chicago, where he was in attendance at the convention of the National Progressive party.

Miss Mabel Shattuck who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. H. L. Backus, for the past two weeks, has returned to her home in Linesville.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chase of Great Valley spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wirt. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Wirt.

Mrs. J. N. Forsythe who has been visiting friends in Grand Rapids, Detroit and Howell, Mich., for the past five weeks, returned home Tuesday.

Mrs. W. O. Herzog and daughter, Harriet, returned Friday from Olean, where they had were the guests of Mrs. F. S. Sherman for several days.

Mrs. Gordon Studholme and daughters, Margaret and Mary, of Port Allegany are the guests of Mrs. Studholme's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Holder.

Moses Rosenfield, a former well-known merchant of this place, was visiting friends in town yesterday. Mr. Rosenfield has not been here before in about 21 years.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Palmer of Friendship, N. Y., have returned to their home after a week's visit at the home of E. W. Strong, and other friends in town.

Mrs. W. J. Lewis and C. M. Colegrove and family took a trip in Mrs. Lewis' car to East Aurora on Saturday, staying over night at the Roycroft Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Wonnacott and daughter, Irma, and Mrs. G. W. Leonard and Miss Maude Smith of Wayne county, Pa., are visiting friends in Smethport and vicinity.

Rev. and Mrs. J. W. McGavern and sons, Harrison and Charles, have returned home from a three weeks' visit with relatives and friends in Groveland, N. Y., and vicinity.

S. F. Redfield, T. R. Lyle, Howard and William Brownell left Sunday in the former's touring car for Oil City, to attend the annual tennis tournament of Northwestern Pennsylvania.

Editor S. R. Lindsley was a Kane visitor Friday, and reports that Mrs. Lindsley's condition as being fine and thinks she will be able to leave the hospital the last of this week

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Number One.

A JOINT RESOLUTION.

Proposing an amendment to article nine, section four, of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the State to issue bonds to the amount of fifty millions of dollars for the improvement of the highways of the Commonwealth.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the following amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania be, and the same is hereby, proposed, in accordance with the eighteenth article thereof:—

That section four of article nine, which reads as follows:

"Section 4. No debt shall be created by or on behalf of the State, except to supply casual deficiencies of revenue, repel invasion, suppress insurrection, defend the State in war, or to pay existing debt; and the debt created to supply deficiency in revenue shall never exceed, in the aggregate at any one time, one million of dollars," be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 4. No debt shall be created by or on behalf of the State, except to supply casual deficiencies of revenue, repel invasion, supress insurrection, defend the State in war, or to pay existing debt; and the debt created to supply deficiencies in revenue shall never exceed, in the aggregate at any one time, one million of dollars. Provided, however, That the General Assembly, irrespective of any debt, may authorize the State to issue bonds to the amount of fifty millions of dollars for the purpose of improving and rebuilding the highways of the Commonwealth.

A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 1.

ROBERT McAFEE,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Number Two.

A JOINT RESOLUTION.

Proposing an amendment to section seven, article three, of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, so as to permit special legislation regulating labor.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, That the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in accordance with the provisions of the eighteenth article thereof.

Amendment to Article Three, Section Seven.

Section 2. Amend section seven, article three of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, which reads as follows:—

"Section 7. The General Assembly shall not pass any local or special law authorizing the creation, extension, or impairing of liens:

"Regulating the affairs of counties, cities, townships, wards, boroughs, or school districts:

"Changing the names of persons or places:

"Changing the venue in civil or criminal cases:

"Authorizing the laying out, opening, altering, or maintaining roads, highways, streets or alleys:

"Relating to ferries or bridges, or incorporating ferry or bridge companies, except for the erection of bridges crossing streams which form boundaries between this and any other State:

"Vacating roads, town plats, streets or alleys:

"Relating to cemeteries, graveyards, or public grounds not of the State:

"Authorizing the adoption or legitimating of children:

"Locating or changing county-seats, erecting new counties, or changing county lines:

"Incorporating cities, towns or villages, or changing their charters:

"For the opening and conducting of elections, or fixing or changing the place of voting:

"Granting divorces:

"Erecting new townships or boroughs, changing township lines, borough limits or school districts:

"Creating offices, or prescribing the powers and duties of officers in counties, cities, boroughs, townships, election and school districts:

"Changing the law of descent or succession:

"Regulating the practice or jurisdiction of, or changing the rules of evidence in, any judicial proceeding or inquiry before courts, aldermen, justices of the peace, sheriffs, commissioners, arbitrators, auditors, masters in chancery, or other tribunals, or providing or changing methods for the collection of debts, or the enforcement of judgments, or prescribing the effect of judicial sales of real estate:

"Regulating the fees, or extending the powers and duties of aldermen, justices of the peace, magistrates or constables:

"Regulating the management of public schools, the building or repairing of school houses and the raising of money for such purposes:

"Fixing the rate of interest:

"Affecting the estates of minors or persons under disability, except after due notice to all parties in interest, to be recited in the special enactment:

"Remitting fines, penalties and forfeitures, or refunding moneys legally paid into the treasury:

"Exempting property from taxation:

"Regulating labor, trade, mining or manufacturing:

"Creating corporations, or amending, renewing or extending the charters thereof:

"Granting to any corporation, association or individual any special or exclusive privilege or immunity, or to any corporation, association, or individual the right to lay down a railroad track:

"Nor shall the General Assembly indirectly enact such special or local law by the partial repeal of a general law; but laws repealing local or special acts may be passed:

"Nor shall any law be passed granting powers or privileges in any case where the granting of such powers and privileges shall have been provided for by general law, nor where the courts have jurisdiction to grant the same or give the relief asked for," so as to read as follows:—

Section 7. The General Assembly shall not pass any local or special law authorizing the creation, extension or impairing of liens:

Regulating the affairs of counties, cities, townships, wards, boroughs, or school districts:

Changing the names of persons or places:

Changing of venue in civil or criminal cases:

Authorizing the laying out, opening, altering, or maintaining roads, highways, streets or alleys:

Relating to ferries or bridges, or incorporating ferry or bridge companies, except for the erection of bridges crossing streams which form boundaries between this and any other State:

Vacating roads, town plats, streets or alleys:

Relating to cemeteries, graveyards, or public grounds not of the State:

Authorizing the adoption, or legitimation of children:

Locating or changing county-seats, erecting new counties, or changing county lines:

Incorporating cities, towns or villages, by changing their charters:

For the opening and conducting of elections, or fixing or changing the place of voting:

Granting divorces:

Erecting new townships or boroughs, changing township lines, borough limits or school districts:

Creating offices, or prescribing the powers and duties of officers in counties, cities, boroughs, townships, election or school districts:

Changing the law of descent or succession:

Regulating the practice or jurisdiction of, or changing the rules of evidence in, any judicial proceeding or inquiry before courts, aldermen, justices of the peace, sheriffs, commissioners, arbitrators, auditors, masters in chancery, or other tribunals, or providing or changing methods for the collection of debts, or the enforcing of judgments, or prescribing the effect of judicial sales of real estate:

Regulating the fees, or extending the powers and duties of aldermen, justices of the peace, magistrates or constables:

Regulating the management of public schools, the building or repairing of school houses and the raising of money for that purpose:

Fixing the rate of interest:

Affecting the estates of minors or persons under disability, except after due notice to all parties in interest, to be recited in the special enactment:

Remitting fines, penalties and forfeitures, ro refunding moneys legally paid into the treasury:

Exempting property from taxation:

Regulating labor, trade, mining or manufacturing; but the legislature may regulate and fix the wages or salaries, the hours of work or labor, and make provision for the protection, welfare and safety of persons employed by the State, or by any county, city, borough, town, township, school district, village, or other civil division of the State, or by any contractor or sub-contractor performing work, labor or services for the State, or for any county, city, borough, town, township, school district, village or other civil division thereof:

Creating corporations, or amending, renewing or extending the charters thereof:

Granting to any corporation, association or individual any special or exclusive privilege or immunity, or to any corporation, association, or individual the right to lay down a railroad track:

Nor shall the General Assembly indirectly enact such special or local law by the partial repeal of a general law; but laws repealing local or special acts may be passed:

Nor shall any law be passed granting powers or privileges in any case where the granting of such powers and privileges shall have been provided for by general law, nor where the courts have jurisdiction to grant the same or give the relief asked for.

A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 2.

ROBERT McAFEE,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Number Three.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION.

Proposing an amendment to section three of article eight of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (if the Senate concur), That the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in accordance with the provisions of the eighteenth article thereof:—

Section 2. Amend section three of article eight, which reads as follows:

"All judges elected by the electors of the State at large may be elected at either a general or municipal election, as circumstances may require. All elections for judges of the courts for the several judicial districts, and for county, city, ward, borough, and township officers, for regular terms of service, shall be held on the municipal election day; namely, the Tuesday next following the first Monday of November in each odd-numbered year, but the General Assembly may by law fix a different day, two-thirds of all the members of each House consenting thereto: Provided, That such elections shall be held in an odd-numbered year," so as to read:

Section 3. All judges elected by the electors of the State at large may be elected at either a general or municipal election, as circumstances may require. All elections for judges of the courts for the several judicial districts, and for county, city, ward, borough, and township officers, for regular terms of service, shall be held on the municipal election day; namely, the Tuesday next following the first Monday of November in each odd-numbered year, but the General Assembly may by law fix a different day, two-thirds of all the members of each House consenting thereto: Provided, That such elections shall be held in an odd-numbered year; Provided further, That all judges for the courts of the several judicial districts holding office at the present time, whose terms of office may end in an odd-numbered year, shall continue to hold their offices until the first Monday of January in the next succeeding even-numbered year.

A true copy of Concurrent Resolution No. 3.

ROBERT McAFEE,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Number Four.

A JOINT RESOLUTION.

Proposing an amendment to section one of article nine of the Coustitution of Pennsylvania, relating to taxation.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, That the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; in accordance with the provisions of the eighteenth article thereof:—

Section 2. Amend section one of article nine of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, which reads as follows:

"All taxes shall be uniform, upon the same class of subjects, within the territorial limits of the authority levying the tax, and shall be levied and collected under general laws; but the General Assembly may, by general laws, exempt from taxation public property used for public purposes, actual places of religious worship, places of burial not used or held for private or corporate profit, and institutions of purely public charity;" so as to read as follows:

All taxes shall be uniform upon the same class of subjects, within the territorial limits of the authority levying the tax, and shall be levied and collected under general laws, and the subjects of taxation may be classified for the purpose of laying graded or progressive taxes; but the General Assembly may, by general law, exempt from taxation public property used for public purposes, actual places of religious worship, places of burial not used or held for private or corporate profit, and institutions of purely public charity.

A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 4.

ROBERT McAFEE,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Number Five.

A JOINT RESOLUTION.

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, That the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania, in accordance with the provisions of the eighteenth article thereof:

Article IX.

Section 15. No obligations which have been heretofore issued, or which may hereafter be issued, by any county or municipality, other than Philadelphia, to provide for the construction or acquisition of waterworks, subways, under-ground railways or street railways, or the appurtenances thereof, shall be considered as a debt of a municipality, within the meaning of section eight of article nine of the Constitution of Pennsylvania or of this amendment, if the net revenue derived from said property for a period of five years, either before or after the acquisition thereof, or, where the same is constructed by the county or municipality, after the completion thereof, shall have been sufficient to pay interest and sinking-fund charges during said period upon said obligations, or if the said obligations shall be secured by liens upon the respective properties, and shall impose no municipal liability. Where municipalities of counties shall issue obligations to provide for the construction of property, as herein provided, said municipalities or counties may also issue obligations to provide for the interest and sinking-fund charges accruing thereon until said properties shall have been completed and in operation for a period of one year; and said municipalities and counties shall not be required to levy a tax to pay said interest and sinking-fund charges, as required by section ten of article nine of the Constitution of Pennsylvania until after said properties shall have been operated by said counties of municipalities during said period of one year. Any of the said municipalities or counties may incur indebtedness in excess of seven per centum, and not exceeding ten per centum, of the assessed valuation of the taxable property therein, if said increase of indebtedness shall have been assented to by three-fifths of the electors voting at a public election, in such manner as shall be provided by law.

A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 5.

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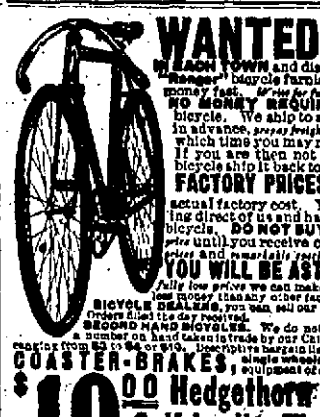

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